

The Weather
Oakland, vicinity,
Santa Clara, Sacra-
mento and San
Joanito Valleys—
Generally fair to-
night and tomo-
row; light north
wind.

SHOP
EARLY

VERN SMITH IS GIVEN WITHHELD U. C. DEGREE

REINSTATED STUDENT IS GIVEN FINAL VINDICATION

Diploma Is Awarded to
Senior Who Fought
Decision of Court of
His Fellows and Won

WAS ACCUSED OF
THEFT OF KNIFE

Man Who Proved U. C.
Self-Government Tri-
bunal Wrong Is Now
Fully Compensated

Final compensation has been made to Vern Smith, of the class of 1915, by the University of California authorities for their dismissal of him before the close of last semester on charges that he had attempted to steal a knife from Harmon gymnasium, through their granting to him today a diploma of graduation and the degree of bachelor of science. The faculty made no conditions upon which Smith was to secure the degree, but awarded it to him even without demanding that he complete his missing month of residence at the university.

The faculty of the department of commerce and the committee on classification and graduation has had under consideration for two months Smith's application for his degree. Until the issuance of the whole list of graduates yesterday afternoon announcement of its being granted was not given. Its bestowal was based upon the fact that the charge against Smith, later pronounced without foundation by the faculty, had deprived him of the chance to graduate with his class last May, and even at this time delays his graduation by seven months.

The conferring of the degree closes a case which has interested faculty, student body and graduates in a larger measure since last spring than any other case of its kind at the university. Smith was a prominent member of the Cosmopolitan Club, an organization of students of all nations at the university. In March he was summoned before the students' affairs committee of the student body and charged with stealing a knife from Harmon gymnasium. Without being permitted to offer witnesses or be accompanied to the hearing by a friend or stenographer, the committee soon pronounced him guilty and recommended his suspension.

HAS REHEARING.
He was forthwith suspended by President Wheeler for a term, which precluded his being graduated for two years. Smith secured from President Wheeler an order to the student committee to rehear the case, and at the rehearing he presented an alibi of three persons who had been with him elsewhere on the campus at the time of the alleged theft than in Harmon gymnasium, where it was committed. Despite this evidence, the committee again pronounced

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BULGARIA IS NOW FACING FOE ON COAST

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The arrival of a Russian expedition off the Bulgarian coast is reported by the Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. He says: "A Russian cruiser with two destroyers which are conveying sixteen transports filled with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast, and are bombarding Varna vigorously."

Varna is on the Black Sea, a few miles south of the Rumanian border. It is a railroad terminus. This city and Burgas,

50 miles further south, are the principal Bulgarian Black Sea ports. On several occasions since the beginning of the Teutonic drive through Serbia, it has been reported that the Bulgarians would attempt an invasion of Bulgaria from the sea, and it has been said forces were being concentrated for this purpose at Odesa. Previous dispatches reported Russian naval demonstrations before Varna or Burgas, presumably preparatory to an effort to land troops, were not borne out subsequently.

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CHRISTMAS CARRIED TO 1000 HOMES

Good Fellow Movement
Reaches to Many
Places

But Some Children
Even So May Be Easily
Forgotten

Already assured that this Christmas is to be the most wonderful one Oakland ever had for at least a thousand little children, the Good Fellow movement has entered upon its last few days—days that will see work piled high for the givers and will determine whether there are to be any of the children "left over."

In ways mysterious, Santa is to pay his visits to the hundreds of children whose names have been given to the Good Fellows. He will come in limousine and he will come on foot, and his gifts will always be what is most needed and desired. Some will never know how their names came into the possession of the Good Fellows.

In the Good Fellow movement this year there are already enlisted 500 persons, ranging from the man in Arizona who sent \$1. to the woman in Oakland who gave her wedding ring to be turned over to the cause. There are wealthy and prominent social leaders working beside many who walk to save coffee, and all work in the knowledge and in the stipulation that their names and deeds will not be made public.

MANY STORIES TOLD.
In a day's work the Good Fellow is in touch with hundreds of stories. A little girl writes she has many toys that she would like to take to some other little girl less fortunate. A tiny boy says he has saved some pennies for somebody's Christmas. Then, a woman, who has a long, long office carrying a bright-faced baby and offers to give of her services for the day in investigating the genuineness of letters on file. She has carried her baby for many blocks in Oakland and has a "work" for the holiday.

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BIG PAPER SILENCED BY MRS. ASQUITH

The Globe Is Restrained
From Circulating
Story

Charges of Visits to Ger-
man Prisoners Are
Disproven

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The case of Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, against the Globe, was resumed in chancery court today, having been continued from last Friday. The court granted Mrs. Asquith the injunction for which she asked to restrain the Globe from the publication of articles which she alleged are libelous. At the hearing last week counsel for Mrs. Asquith said she had been accused by the Globe of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners and had been described as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex.

The only answer made by the Globe since the hearing last week was an affidavit filed by the manager to the effect that he knew nothing about the matter.

There is not a shadow of truth in this libel, said Mrs. Asquith's counsel. Mrs. Asquith has never been in Downing Street, in which German prisoners are confined, nor had any communication whatever with any of its inmates.

READS LETTERS.
Attorney Duke, counsel for Mrs. Asquith, complained that there had been persistent circulation of reports attributing to her disloyalty to the national cause and heartless association with prisoners of hostile belligerents. He read a series of letters that appeared in the Globe, which, without naming the plaintiff, contained such expressions as "She is a disgrace to England," "We know now why so many Boches are allowed to be at large in the country," "The death of Boches," "We don't want traitors in our innermost councils."

The attorney declared the attack was most outrageous and a most serious slur on the gravity of Mrs. Asquith's position. He asked the court to strike at the confidence of the country in the government and inspire outsiders with the opinion that Great Britain's foes might hope to prevail, he added. The whole business was a series of malicious fabrications, he asserted.

PRESENTS AFFIDAVIT.
The attorney read an affidavit by Mrs. Asquith stating that never in her life had she been in Downing Street, and that she was not the slightest ground for the suggestion that she had ever supplied anything to its inmates. She had no doubt that the publications referred to her subject and she had received grossly abusive and insulting letters.

Counsel for the Globe expressed regret and apologized in behalf of the publishers, attributing the publication of the letters to disorganization resulting from the recent suspension of the paper. The court granted the injunction.

New Plot Against Neutrality Scented

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—What is believed to be an entirely new plot against American neutrality has been unearthed by agents of the Department of Justice investigating the alleged conspiracy to blow up the Panama Canal.

Blow up the Panama Canal. Chief of the Bureau of Investigation said that evidence had been secured from Paul Koenig and others connected with him in the alleged canal plot, which opened up another trial. The nature of the alleged conspiracy but said arrests might be expected soon.

Submarine Which Sank Lusitania Never Taken

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The long-lived rumor of the destruction of the submarine which sank the Cunard liner Lusitania was buried in the House of Commons yesterday. Asked if the British admiralty had received any official report as to the loss of the undersea vessel, Reginald McKenna replied: "We have no such information."

Huge Credit Voted Despite Socialists

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Reichstag today adopted the credit of ten billion marks asked by the government, the Socialist minority of nineteen opposing it, according to a Berlin dispatch forwarded by Reuters' correspondent at Amsterdam. The Socialist spokesman, Friedrich August Karl Geyer, according to the dispatch, said that all endeavors for peace had failed because of the annexation aims of both sides.

Lomax, Railroad Chief, Ill, But Is Improving

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The condition of E. L. Lomax, passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific railway, who was seized with an attack of paralysis Sunday, was considerably improved today. He has been conscious since yesterday morning and is recovering rapidly. He is now in his room at the Casa Alta Apartments, California and Powell streets.

Japanese May Fight Under British Flag

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 20.—The government has received from British Columbia an informal proposal to organize a regiment of naturalized Japanese for European service. Officials say that pending receipt of some official offer the military authorities will make no decision on the matter.

Throw Out Anti- Hanging Papers

Petition Defective, Is
Decision of Jordan

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The anti-capital punishment initiative petition was thrown out today by Secretary of State Jordan on the ground that circulators did not comply with the law before sending it out for signatures. They omitted to submit the draft of the petition to the attorney-general for the purpose of having a title prepared for it.

Under the ruling made by the secretary of state every one of the additional petitions now in circulation in the state similar to the one which came from San Diego also are worthless and cannot be filed.

The San Diego petition contained six names. It was announced that copies of this petition are now in circulation in many different counties.

Asquith Asks For Million Men

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Moving in the House of Commons this afternoon a new vote for an additional million men, Premier Asquith made a general survey of the ever-widening theater of war and the increasing responsibility placed on the country for providing arms and men. Great Britain, he said, already has a fighting force in the various theaters of 1,250,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified.

A large proportion of the wounded, the premier said, was able to return to duty, but in addition to keeping up the present armies to the nominal strength, men were wanted for new formations and to increase the aggregate of Great Britain's fighting forces. Every available man should be put in the field, so far as was consistent with the needs of the national necessities, including munitions and the vast field of employment upon the continued working of which the national life depended.

Needs Six Weeks To Kill Himself

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—After trying for six weeks to end his life, Gin Hong, a young Chinese, hanged himself in the city prison this morning. He had been suffering from a mental ailment, which was made known to the police by his wife, Wong Bow, whom he slew in a fit of jealous anger at Broadway and Stockton street on November 10.

When Gin Hong was first arrested he was in a high fever, and in an effort to starve himself to death, in this he was unsuccessful and was removed to the detention hospital, where an examination as to his sanity was held. "This man is a danger to himself and to others," said the physician, who was ramming his head against the side of his room.

Adjudged sane, he was returned to the city prison yesterday. Early this morning guards found him hanging to the cell door, which he had removed from his bunk.

Greeks Retain Fort Dominating Saloniki

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Overseas News Agency says the following item: "According to the Frankfurter Zeitung the Greeks while withdrawing a majority of their troops from Saloniki kept Fort Karaburma, which dominates the town, in spite of the repeated French requests that they hand the fort over."

A strong French patrol approached the fort and did not halt at the sentry's call, whereupon the Greeks opened fire and the French fled.

Bulgarians Resentful at German Attitude

PARIS, Dec. 21.—A Rome dispatch to the Havas Agency says the newspaper L'Espresso has received from its Seres (Macedonia) correspondent the following: "Russophile Bulgarian deserters report that the discontent with the German officers' arrogance is increasing in the Bulgarian army. Some Seres in a Bulgarian soldier fired three revolver shots at General Theodoroff (Bulgarian). He missed his aim but killed the general's aide de camp. The soldier was hanged."

General Robertson Called From France

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that Lieutenant-General Sir William R. Robertson, chief of the general staff, had been recalled from France to take command of the Imperial staff at army headquarters in London, in place of Lieutenant-General Sir Archibald Murray, who was about to receive an important command.

Auto Bandits Shot for Depredations in City

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 21.—Six robbers, forming a band known as the robbers with the graven automobile, were executed yesterday by orders of General Pablo Gonzalez. The men, dressed in uniforms of soldiers, had been entering houses here for two months and robbing. Their booty is said to have exceeded a million pesos. Their summary execution is expected to stop similar robberies.

MENTIONS PLANT STRIKE

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A strike of some of the employees of the Sturges & Burn Company, officials of which admitted that the concern was manufacturing cartridge cases, at Melrose Park, Ill., went into effect today. The men were said to have asked shorter hours, changed working conditions and increased pay for overtime.

WOMAN FIGHTS FOR CHILDREN IN COURT

When her petition for the guardianship of two grandchildren, whom she had brought up from babyhood, was denied and the custody of them was given to the father, Mrs. Louisa Bella Cook this afternoon created a scene in Judge William S. Wells' court. Screaming and weeping, Mrs. Cook seized the elder of the two children, and could only be separated from him after Clerk Wuthe and Judge Wells had intervened.

The children, William and John Stephens, age 6 and 4 years, are sons of William W. Stephens, 745 Seventeenth avenue, Oakland. The grandmother lives in San Francisco. The father, a deaf mute, appeared in court to oppose the petition for guardianship brought by the grandmother when she learned that he was to be married for a second time.

RIOT RAGES IN JUAREZ; 6 REPORTED TO BE DEAD

Mexicans Are Repelled
by Car Crew and Pass-
engers and Escape
Back Across the River

VILLA SOLDIERS ARE STILL LOYAL TO CHIEF

Business Is Suspended in
Border Town; Several
Stores Are Robbed by
Thieves During Day

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Double guards of troops were rushed to the international bridge at 2 o'clock this afternoon when rumors became current among his former followers that General Villa was expected to reach Juarez at 5 p. m. and planned to attack the city.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Rioting began in Juarez about noon today. A street car which entered the town at the international bridge was stoned by a mob and the passengers, including a number of Americans, were robbed.

The crew and the passengers fought off the Mexicans and the car escaped back to El Paso. A crowd of Mexicans assembled at the bridge, seeking passage to American soil. Several Juarez stores were closed. Some were robbed.

Troops in Juarez said they would remain loyal to Villa until their commander, General Manuel Ochoa, signed the articles of surrender executed by the Carranza government and certain Villa generals here yesterday. Ochoa's name was not included among the signers.

Six persons are said to have been killed in the rioting. So far as is known there were no American casualties. Quiet was restored when General Banda, one of those who yesterday signed the agreement with the de facto government to turn over the Villa organization, fled to the American side and the Carranza consul here sent over 100,000 pesos to pay the soldiers.

General Ochoa sent a detachment to the race track to guard American-owned race horses quartered there. Owners and attendants of the animals fled to the American side when rioting began. The disorder was started by about 300 former Villa soldiers, who reached Juarez today in desperate condition from lack of food and in

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Oregon Hotel Burns During Great Gale

GEARHART, Ore., Dec. 21.—In a seventy-two-mile-an-hour gale here early today the Gearhart hotel was completely destroyed by fire. Only ten persons were in the hotel, which was famed as a summer resort, and all escaped unhurt. The loss amounts to \$100,000. The building was partly insured.

While tremendous seas broke against the seawall at the base of the burning building, large numbers were whirled offshore far inland by the gale. At times it seemed as if the whole structure would be picked up and carried away.

DYKES ARE DAMAGED.

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 21.—The worst storm in the last two years was raging here today. A gale averaging seventy-five miles an hour was accompanied by a heavy rain. The highest and roughest tide for several seasons is reported along the coast. The dyked tide lands up the river are reported much damaged.

500 Families in Danger of Flood

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 21.—The Ohio river here was within almost two feet today of the predicted crest of 40 feet. The river stage was 37.6 feet, almost three feet above flood stage and steadily rising. It is estimated that 500 families would be driven from their homes by a 40-foot stage.

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ANTA AT COMMERCIAL CLUB
CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS FROLIC
MERRY QUIP WITH PRESENTS

Club, overlooking with a bag of presents and surprises, visited the Commercial and Commercial Club today and called the "lunch" of more than 150 of the organization's members who met in the room given at Hotel Oakland under the auspices of the advertising bureau.

A Santa Claus was generous. Everyone was remembered and presented. Not one present, but with many, as of the regard of the red-headed who is commonly reputed to live under the north pole. It was an old Christmas celebration, with music, song, with a Santa Claus and a nutcracker, and with the holiday present throughout.

It was the most successful and unique many luncheons given by the Commercial Club for its members. Although the main dining room of the several score guests had to be cleared away for lack of accommodation, most prominent merchants and business men of the city were present and boyish parts in the big cheerful celebration.

THE EVENT BEGINS.

Charles Wade Snook was chairman of day. He was introduced by W. W. Johns, who heads the advertising bureau of the club. The dining-room was richly decorated for the occasion. The room was filled with the warm and red berries lined the walls. The room was filled with the warm and red berries lined the walls. The room was filled with the warm and red berries lined the walls.

Humor Among Gifts.

Mr. Snook then passed out the gifts which were separated by the boys' choir of St. John's. The gifts were separated by the boys' choir of St. John's. The gifts were separated by the boys' choir of St. John's.

AL WONG, ATHLETE, HURT.

Al Wong, a student at the Oakland High School, was injured playing football yesterday afternoon while out with the school squad. Wong was taken to the emergency hospital, where his wounds were dressed by Steward Davidson. His right elbow at the joint was badly bruised.

WILSON AND BRIDE
TAKE LONG HIKE

Moving Picture Men Are Kept Off by Secret Service Men.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 21.—The President and Mrs. Wilson took a long walk in the sunshine today. Their stroll, about 10 miles, carried them past the golf links, with secret service men following. Mrs. Wilson wore a light walking suit, heavy tan walking shoes and a small black hat.

GOOD FELLOWS TO SCATTER HAPPINESS

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READY FOR VISITS.

Good fellows are preparing for their visits with a great deal of pleasure in the knowledge of the happiness to come to themselves as well as to the children to be visited. The system gives to each one a chance to do an unheralded act of charity in a way that carries with it the most of Christmas spirit. One firm in East Oakland has made arrangements to see that every child within a prescribed area about its plant is given a Christmas visit from a Good Fellow.

Ask Prosecution of Dr. Haiseldeln

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 21.—Attorney General Lacey in a letter today to MacLay Home, estate's attorney of Cook county, asked that Dr. Harry J. Haiseldeln, who allowed the Bollinger infant to die in the German-American Hospital in Chicago, November 17, be brought before the grand jury for investigation and indicted if he is amenable to the criminal laws of the state.

SURPRISES INTRUDER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Mrs. W. Younger of 1445 Post street surprised an alleged burglar hiding in the closet of the room of K. Sugamoto, a lodger, this morning. She held on to him until another lodger came to her aid and he was turned over to Patrolman Gable. He gave the name of Edward Tripp and was charged with burglary.

FRACTURES SKULL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—F. Fortman, a collector of 1818 O'Farrell street, suffered a broken arm and a possible fracture of the skull when he fell down the steps of his home this morning.

Scorcher Loses Race With Law
Little Automobile Is the Constable's

HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—How a certain small automobile of popular design raced and defeated a 40-horse power touring car on the Foothill boulevard is a story told in motoring and incidentally police circles.

Germany to Wire Off Whole Dutch Frontier

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21.—The newspaper Maasbode says it learns from Oldenzaal, Holland, that owing to the increasing number of war prisoners escaping from the German-Dutch frontier, the German government intends to close the whole frontier with barbed wire.

PERSONALS

Mrs. A. Wilmer of this city was a visitor in Auburn this week. Dr. George Hillebrand, owner of the Banner mine, was a business visitor in Auburn recently. J. F. Perry and J. D. Drendell, representing the California Land Owners' Bulletin, are in Sebastopol for a two weeks' stay.

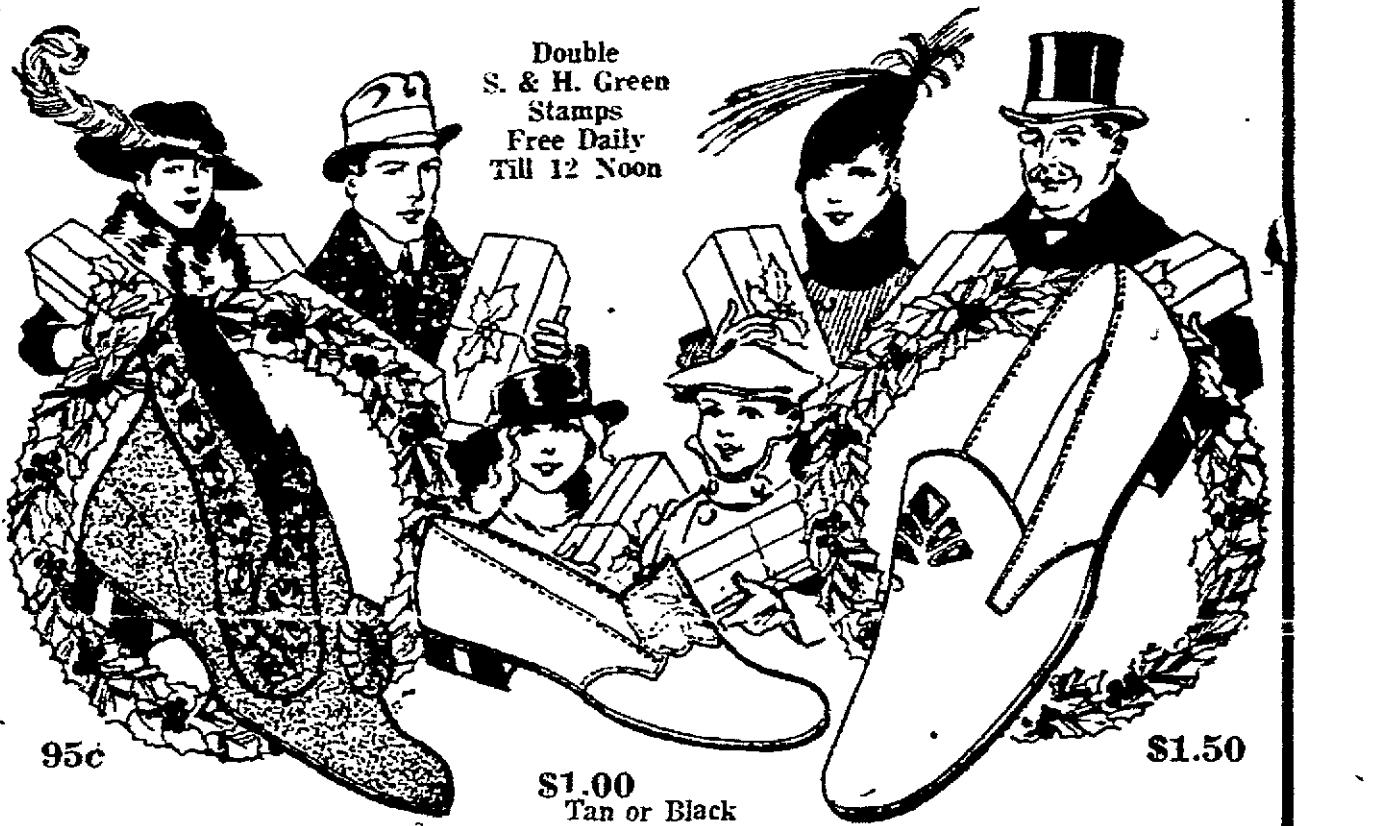
OHIAI ALLOWANCE ORDERED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—A family allowance of \$1,000 a month was granted to Mrs. Catherine Ohlandt of 719 Scott street by Judge Graham this morning. Mrs. Ohlandt is the widow of Henry Ohlandt, a stockholder of the National Ice Company, who died December 2 leaving an estate estimated at \$2,000,000.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.

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Ancona Case Before Informal Council

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Baron Eric Zweidnek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, called on Secretary Lansing today to discuss the Ancona case. The Baron had been furnished a copy of the second note of the United States. It was believed that he desired information of an informal character. The Charge is known to have received instructions from the Vienna foreign office regarding the negotiations. It was authoritatively stated today that Baron Zweidnek intimated last week to Secretary Lansing that should the second note be less severe his government might see fit to make a reply which would satisfy the United States. Today's conference, it was believed, had to do with this suggestion.

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Hair Jewelry and Hair Ornaments

For Men: Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Gloves and Neckwear.

For Children and Infants: Practical Ready-to-Wear Garments, Handkerchiefs and Hosiery.

LUSITANIA SETTLEMENT BIDES TIME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Full settlement of the Lusitania case, including reparation for the lives of the American victims who it became known today recently was near, has been postponed by the dismissal of the German naval and military attaches and the American demands on Austria-Hungary as a result of the sinking of the Ancona.

Consideration of the state of public opinion in Germany because of these two acts of the American government according to reliable information received here has caused officials in Berlin to decide that such a settlement as might be satisfactory to the United States would not now meet a popular approval in Germany.

An agreement it was said, was practically reached soon after the American note to Great Britain protesting against interference with neutral trade had been published in Germany. The note, it is said, created a remarkable pro-American sentiment in Berlin as well as throughout Germany. At that time, it is said, public opinion would have approved recording a bit, making a settlement of the controversy possible. Negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador were progressing when the United States demanded the withdrawal of Captain Boyed and Captain von Papen.

This act, according to advices here caused German opinion to swing back to resentment of the action of the United States because the belief prevailed that the attaches had done nothing to warrant their removal.

The demands upon Austria and the vigorous terms in which the first note was couched next attracted adverse criticism in Germany, and the resentment started by the request for the recalls is described as having increased materially.

To recede even a trifle at this time, Berlin officials were said to believe, would bring on a storm of public disapproval and furnish the opposition to the government with grounds for criticism. Officials now believe that at some time in the future when public opinion again is more favorable to the United States concessions may be made by Germany.

Death Rate for Oakland Lowest

Vital Statistics Give Averages of State

Oakland boasts the low death rate of the state. Loss by death in this city is reported as 12.16 a thousand, and the next lowest rate, Los Angeles, shows a death rate of 12.9. The general death rate for the state of California is 13.5 and San Francisco's is 13.9.

This is the statement of the United States census bureau. The tables, compiled this week by the bureau of vital statistics for the different states registering mortality figures, show a general decrease in the United States in the death rate, fully 38,599 more lives being saved this year in the registration area, out of 150,000 lives lengthened in the entire country.

The lowest death rate on record in the United States was in 1914, when the rate for the country averaged 13.6 a thousand. The most favorable year prior to that was 1912, with a rate of 13.5.

Twenty-five states are covered as the area of registration, and statistics from these states are taken as a basis for computation on the whole country. Eventually it is planned to register every state.

Woman Captured in War Smuggling Plot

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A plan to smuggle crude rubber from this country into Germany where it is scarce, has been uncovered by agents of the Department of Justice and the neutrality squad of the customs service. It became known last night, and the details of the case were laid today before United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall. The plot was to send the rubber, which is on the contraband list, in the baggage of persons traveling between here and Rotterdam. In the case uncovered, a young woman is said to have had more than three thousand pounds of rubber in her baggage and to have attempted to ship it without a manifest. She was prevented from sailing by the discovery of the nature of her baggage by the authorities. No arrests have yet been made.

A naturalized German is said to have engineered the scheme with the aid of a German resident of New York who purchased the rubber. Attention was attracted to the young woman because she attempted to return to Rotterdam several days after she had arrived in New York. It is a violation of a federal statute to export goods for commercial purposes without declaration.

FRATS ARE BEFORE 300 PRINCIPALS

High School Organizations Are Condemned at State Convention

Oakland high school principals today are meeting with the principals of the largest high schools of the state and many of the smaller ones, at the 10th annual convention of high school principals, where the high school fraternities question, now being met by the principals of the state, is being discussed. The meeting will conclude tomorrow.

Will C. Wood, state commissioner of education and former superintendent of schools of Alameda, is acting as chairman of the meeting. Mayor Elva K. Snow and chief of the police, were guests by a man in which he had been called as a friend of the police.

Moore will accompany her husband back to Texas.

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Betrayed by Friend, Taken as Embezzler

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—H. E. Moore, formerly a partner of Granville, Texas, was under arrest here today pending extradition to face a charge of having embezzled \$100,000. Moore had been working as a salesman in a department store. Information concerning him, the police say, was given by a man in which he had been called as a friend of the police.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

As a further accommodation to the Shopping Public, this establishment will remain open until 10 P. M. tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday.

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In Your Youngster's Stocking

Christmas morning there ought to be something beside gifts that bring only passing pleasure. Make him a permanent gift in the form of a Savings Passbook at this bank, with a first deposit recorded therein, as liberal as you wish.

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And, Remember: In order to give YOU better Service—An alert, active Selling Force—We are only open Evenings on Thursday and Friday—Today and Tomorrow we close at SIX P. M. prompt—So shop early at "The Gift Center"—Roos Bros.

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"Everwear" or "Interwoven" in \$1
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SILK SWEATERS from \$10

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The best pure thread silk Ladies' Hose in the world in all shades at \$1.00 per pair in Christmas Boxes.

Ladies' Fancy Striped Hose, \$1.15 and \$1.25 per pair, all in Christmas Boxes.

Ladies' Fancy Clocked Silk Hose, an ideal gift and the very newest thing in Ladies' Hosiery, \$1.50 to \$3.50 per pair, in Christmas Boxes.

Boys' KID Gloves FROM \$1



Boys' Initial BELTS 50c

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PLAY SUITS of every description—Soldier Suits, Cowboys, Cowgirls, Etc.—Any amount of Boxed Gifts as pictured above at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. SMART 'ROOS' OVERCOATS at \$5, \$6.50, \$7.50, according to size.

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Specially selected Lehnhardt's Chocolates, attractively boxed—a gift that will be appreciated by everyone—an exclusive Lehnhardt Confection.

80 Cents the Pound

MISS NORA ROBINSON DIES.
HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—The death occurred here yesterday of Miss Nora Robinson, long a resident of this city, aged 44 years, a native of Mt. Eden. A daughter of the late Catherine and William Robinson, she is survived by five sisters and four brothers, Mrs. H. Alberts, Mrs. William Bond, Mrs. John Legay, Mrs. William Toul, Mrs. Ella Kerr, John A. Williams, George and Charles Robinson.

VALLEJOITES WED.
VALLEJO, Dec. 21.—Harry Franklin Taylor and Miss Lily Eugene Brooks, both well known residents of this city, were married Sunday at the home of the bride.

Airman Flies to Law for Marsh

Right to Alameda Lot Assured

Aviators on the Alameda marshes are up in the air.

Professional jealousy is said to be the high-powered explosive which is keeping them there. Elias Christofferson, the lessee of the grounds on which he conducts an aviation school, has ordered Paul Weigand and Harvey Crawford, rival birdmen, to get off his field. When the two aviators appeared reluctant yesterday, Christofferson had a deputy sheriff on the scene. The official seconded the flyer's orders.

Christofferson leases the ground from the city, the E. C. Sessions company, for a small sum annually. His lease gives him the use of all the dry land in the marsh district, so that all other aviators wishing to fly there have had to use a portion of his space.

Christofferson ordered the intruders off the land last Saturday. They failed to take him at his word, and a deputy sheriff made his appearance yesterday. So Weigand and Crawford are preparing to move. The former will go to Hayward, where he will establish a flying school, and Crawford will take his biplane over to the Ingleside beach, where he will take up passengers and give them a bird's-eye view of the Pacific.

SPEEDER LONELY IN COURT.
HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—A solitary speeder, C. Sartori, appeared before Justice of the Peace Charles Prowse yesterday. His case was continued until January 21, bail being fixed at \$25. E. H. Robinson swore to the charge against him.

AUSTRIA AND ALLY TALK UNION PLAN

War Has Made Relations With Germany Much Closer.

ZURICH, Switzerland, Dec. 21.—Important conferences between German and Austro-Hungarian plenipotentiaries and representatives of the allied countries, are now going on in Vienna and Berlin. For the purpose of a basis for establishing closer relations between the allied empires, all sorts of general meetings have been held. The industrial and commercial interests of the two countries are so diverse that it is difficult to see how an understanding can be reached, which will prove satisfactory to both sides. And so far the conference seems only to have discovered new troubles in the way of reaching an agreement.

Austro-Hungarians fear that just as at present they are under the domination of Germany in military affairs, so later their financial and economic dependence will also be lost before the persistent and powerful monarch of Germany. The whole question is one of the most vital importance for the future welfare of the dual monarchy, and excites far more interest in the business community than the progress of the war.

Since the Franco-Prussian war, Germany has become an industrial state, mainly so. Both countries are essentially agricultural. With the exception of Bohemia, Moravia and Galicia, Austria, which includes all the other provinces of Austria and Hungary, is overwhelmingly agricultural. Austria is a country of small farmers, and Hungary is a country of large estates.

CLOSER UNION TO FOLLOW.
Nevertheless, both politically and militarily, a close union between Germany and Austria is generally regarded as an absolute necessity and will doubtless continue to be so long after the war is ended. But the problem as to how this is to be brought about is exceedingly complex.

By high protective duties Austria has long maintained an economic existence, independent of Germany, and indeed even opposed to German interests. In Austria everything is much dearer than in Germany, from twenty to even fifty per cent. The difference in prices is especially great in heavy wares such as coal, iron, steel and machinery. It is only through these protective duties that Austria has managed to develop a growing industry, and prevent the country from being flooded with cheap German products.

For some years Austria has almost monopolized the trade in the Balkans and the Levant, but latterly German merchants have been creeping in there and capturing customers. This has been the cause of much uneasiness in Austria. By Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908, when both Austria and Serbia boycotted Austrian goods. The rapidity with which Germany seized the opportunity to enter these markets caused intense irritation in Austria and Budapest at the time. Nor has this feeling diminished since German trade has steadily grown in southeastern Europe while Austria's has steadily decreased.

HEAVILY OBLIGATED.
How all these matters will develop after the war nobody can forecast. It is placed under heavy obligations to Germany for her military aid in the war, and for the payment for such service. Probably through preferential customs tariffs, or perhaps by a customs union, Germany will be able to declare Germany stands to gain all the profit and Austria to suffer all the injury. For then German war would swamp Austrian markets, prices generally would be forced down, and Austrian competition for the trade in the Balkans and Levant would be hopeless.

Hence, it is easy to understand the covert opposition in Austria to all efforts to Germany's efforts to bring her ally in closer commercial relationship. It is feared that economic dependence will surely follow military. For since the war began many things have occurred which indicate Germany's aim of bringing Austria under her complete commercial subjection. Only a short time ago the big banks in Berlin sent circulars to the principal Austrian investors in the first and second Austrian war loans, offering to advance them ninety per cent of the face value of their holdings. Some of these materials are now costing seven times the ordinary price.

And this has led to a shortage in the supply of shoemaker's leather which has been further increased by the women's demand for higher shoes, which take much more leather. The consequence is that prices have risen tremendously. Modern shoes of the cheapest material formerly costing \$2 now cost \$15 and even \$20 are asked. Men's shoes have also gone up in price in the same proportion, although their use has no change in fashion has taken place.

Since a large quantity of tanner's materials has always been obtained from Turkey, it is possible that now, that communications have been reopened with Constantinople, fresh supplies may be obtained.

CARE FOR HOMELESS.
One of the most difficult of all social problems, the care of the homeless, has been solved in Vienna by the war. The number of these unfortunate persons this winter is far less than in any years. It is so great that it has been the falling off in this class of mendicants that has been the cause of the city's authorities erecting for their accommodation, have been turned into military hospitals, and homes for refugees from the Italian theater of war.

The disappearance of these "homeless" persons is chiefly due to so many of the men having been called to the army, where their wives and families are given relief pay, placing them often in far better circumstances than when their husbands were in work. Then, too, the bands of the "homeless" who were formerly unable to obtain work in the city in the winter, can now get employment easily. The factories are constantly inquiring at the night shelters for workers.

TO STOP BAD COUGH
SOOTH DRY, IRRITATED THROAT WITH PARMINT SYRUP. THIS OLD-FASHIONED COUGH REMEDY IS BEST.

We are told that the old-time remedies are best and invariably contain less harmful yet better medicine than those which are in use today. This being so, undoubtedly the following old-fashioned recipe, which is quick acting, will be welcomed by many, as there seems to be a regular epidemic of coughs at the present time. Secure from your druggist 1 ounce Parmint (double strength), take this home and add to it a quart of hot water and 4 ounces of granulated sugar, stir until dissolved. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day. No more racking your whole body with a cough. Coughing nostrils should open, air passages of your head should clear and your breathing become easy. Parmint syrup is pleasant to take, even to pleasure and costs little. Every person who has a stubborn cough, hard cold or catarrh in any form should have this prescription. There is nothing better.—Advertiser.

Horseshoe No Longer Lucky for Sehorn

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—A horseshoe, which was on his machine skidded into the horn will leave for San Diego Thursday as a symbol of good luck with Dr. W. A. Sehorn.

A Sehorn, former town trustee, until he Jose the other three tires went flat. Sehorn's automobile into one on the way. Sehorn said he had not previously expected to San Jose. That encounter cost him the slightest trouble with his car. He blew out a tire and a near accident for more than a year. Dr. and Mrs. Sehorn are on their way to San Diego for a visit to the Southern Exposition.

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Many Smart, New,
**Fur-Trimmed Coats
Radically Reduced.**

\$12.50 and \$15.75

are our new prices for handsome, generously proportioned Winter Coats of fur fabrics, pebble chevrons, imported tweeds, broadcloths, fancy corduroys,

Beyond question, the best coat bargains of the present season. Mostly single garments left from our best selling lines. Newest belted and loose-fitting effects—all sizes, 16 to 44.

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Between Clay and Jefferson Streets

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It Is FREE

Just half the size that mother uses, and perfect in every detail. It doesn't cost you a cent to put in your name.

The owner will be selected from amongst those who have entered their names in our store. So if you are a little girl or if you have a little girl, see that the name and address is put in the box before 3:30 p. m. Friday. We award the gift at 4 o'clock sharp.

Two Big Rocker Values

Each would make a Splendid Gift.

Balance \$1.00 Down, Fumed Oak \$7.75
Mission Arm Rocker, Genuine Leather Seat, Reduced from \$11.50.

Balance \$1.00 Down, Breuners Guaranteed, Cedar Chests \$16.00
Copper Bound, and up to \$30.00.

Balance \$1.00 Down, Fumed Oak \$9.75
Jacobean Design, Rich Tapestry Cushion, Reduced from \$12.50.

Edison Diamond Disc Phonographs

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All styles and sizes of machines, and every Edison Record will be found in our Phonograph Department. It costs so little to buy an Edison and the instrument is so superior to all others that you owe it to yourself to inspect and hear it before purchasing any machine.

You can play all makes of records on an Edison Phonograph.

Smoker's Stands and Smoker's Sets
A Varied and Attractive Stock at Low Prices.

Book Rests and Book Ends
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Buy Christmas Goods at Sacrifice Prices!

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Whitthorne & Swan Will Succeed to This Business January 1, 1916

In order to dispose of Hale's merchandise before January 1, 1916, great sacrifices have been made in prices. This gives you the opportunity of buying Holiday Goods at prices far below regular. Included are—

Handkerchiefs, Neckwear, Men's Furnishings, Ribbons, Gloves, Art Goods, Umbrellas, Fans, Blankets, Comforters, Table Linens, Hosiery, Boudoir Caps and Scores of Other Assortments

Toys Still Further Reduced!
Our Great Price Sacrifices Will Save You Many Dollars!

Hale's Gift Bazaar

Basement—23c—47c—93c—Basement

Give a Perrin Glove Bond or a Merchandise Order
HALE'S—Washington at Eleventh Street—HALE'S

'FOE DRIVEN
INTO SEA BY
QUICK ONSET'

BERLIN, Dec. 21 — Constantinople dispatches state that the withdrawal of the British from the Anzac peninsula has districts of the Gallipoli peninsula (due as the result of a violent offensive on the part of the Turks, who inflicted heavy losses on the British and drove them to the sea.

"According to Constantinople reports, the Turks began a general offensive in all sections of the Dardanelles," says the Overseas News Agency. "The fighting was violent. The Turks began their attack at Anafarta (Suvla bay and Ari Burnu (Anzac). The enemy launched counter-attacks at Sedul Bahr, on the tip of the peninsula, which were repulsed."

The Turkish artillery inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The Turkish soldiers, who had written for this moment, showed an immense enthusiasm. Finally the Turks defeated the enemy at Amasra and Ari Burnu. The enemy fled from the Turks at Ari Burnu and reached the ocean."

The official British and French announcements of yesterday said the withdrawal of the troops was made in conformity with a plan decided upon some time previously. The British statement said the withdrawal was "accomplished without the Turks being aware of the movement."

NEW ORDINANCE WILL KILL JITNEYS

RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—By a vote of seven to one the city council last evening passed for the first reading the new ordinance, which is said to be along the lines of the laws in effect in Stockton and Berkeley, and includes all of the features of the Oakland amended ordinance, placed before the city council of that city last Monday. Councilman Osborn objected to the ordinance being given its third reading until the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railway Company agrees to move its tracks in San Pablo avenue, so that the state highway may be constructed.

PRIZE STEERS
TO BE SHOWN

**P. P. I. E. Prize Winning Stock
to Be Exhibited by
Lewis.**

The Western Meat Company have just delivered to Mr. Fred Lewis, 9 the Lewis Market, two of the champion steers which won prizes at the great Panama-Pacific Exposition. One of these is a black Polled Angus steer which won the grand champion prize in its class. The other is an exceptionally fine Hereford steer and gave the grand champion a close run.

for first honors. Both of these steers are the very finest that money can buy and Mr. Lewis will have them dressed and on exhibition during Christmas week, putting them on sale for New Year's Day.

Two of our local cafes, the Hofbrau and Opera Grill, will serve a portion of one of these steers on their New Year's menu.

Mr. Lewis will also exhibit a number of lambs which were prize winners of the Exposition and were sold at the highest price ever secured for lambs in California. This was 15c pound live weight. They will also constitute a feature of the holiday exhibition at the Lewis Market.

After January 1st, Mr. Lewis calls attention to the fact that the

attention to the fact that his enlarge business has made it necessary for him to acquire the portion of the store now occupied by the grocery department, and thus additional floor space

In his market will allow him to meet the wants of the people in a more satisfactory manner than ever before.

In talking with Mr. Lewis the

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UPLIN PIANOS
Washington St.

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Glove Orders
Issued for Any Amount
Redeemable at Any Time

'BUTTING IN' IS PERKINS' CHARGE

Declares President Failed to Live Up to Mexican Policies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. — George W. Perkins, Progressive leader, addressed the Senate tonight on the President's declaration that while he was President there would be no "cutting in" in Mexican affairs.

Perkins refused to recognize Huerta as you certainly tried to in Mexico. He said Perkins to President Wilson, and again, "In the manner in which you 'cutted in' in Mexico is found the root of all the trouble that has come to which country. Mexico has been subjected to trouble with us, but other foreign countries as well."

"When you 'cutted in' in Mexico," continued Mr. Perkins, "you denuded our flag be saluted. You set our troops to Vera Cruz. You brought our guns away and left our honor behind. You abandoned your demand that our flag be

And finally, says Mr. Perkins: "The thing that our prestige today in a foreign country is based upon is that we have been able to do things that other people are not, and I believe that feeling that this is all directly traceable to the fact that at the beginning of the American situation did not have any 'now talk'."

The first new form of punishment President Wilson will devise is the penalty of such less majesty remains to be seen.

To Test Domestic Produce in Dyes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21. — Department of Agriculture plans for extending the weather observation service throughout the United States, for investigations into the utilization of domestic products in the dye industry, and for the establishment of a dye industry. The plan is to give a list of plants and their uses for dye purposes are outlined in a paper submitted to Congress by Secretary Houston and the department given in connection with estimates for appropriations in the next fiscal year. The plan is to give a list of plants and their uses for dye purposes are outlined in a paper submitted to Congress by Secretary Houston and the department given in connection with estimates for appropriations in the next fiscal year.

Compress also is asked for \$156,000 for the collection and distribution of data on the supply, commercial movement, disposition and market prices of fruits and vegetables. The study will be extended to include other fruits than the strawberry, cantaloupe, tomato and peaches, data on which already is being supplied.

The Attorney General would institute proceedings against offending banks to

recover the amount of excessive interest.
Officers also would be liable to damages
to the government for an amount equal
to the excess charges.

HE'S SEEN IT ALL
DEFLW, Okla., Dec. 21.—There is a
farmer living near here, Ibrim Sheffer,
who was born under a venerable cedar in

the classic Lebanese mountains, lived for some time in Jericho, attended school in Damascus, herded sheep near Mount Camel, fished in the river Jordan and reportedly bathed in the Red Sea.

Ibrahim was crippled in his right foot while climbing down off the great pyramids in Egypt. He now raises cantaloupes and peanuts on a little farm in Creek county, Oklahoma.

K Christmas K Groceries

BUTTER—Best C'm'y. **.63c**
EGGS—Fancy Ranch.. **.47c**
TEA—All flavors—Reg. **.75c**—
 Spéciallb. **61c**
K. COFFEE—High Grade—
 3½ lbs. **\$1.00**
WALNUTS—CALIF.—2 pkgs. **.45c**
RAISINS—Fancy Clusters—pkg. **15c**
 2-lb. pkat. **.35c**; 5-lb. box. **.50c**
MINCE MEAT—"None Such"—

6 pkgs. 50c; Each10c
 SWEET APPLE CIDER—Gallon 45c
 POP CORN—Sure to pop—3 lbs. 25c
 SAUER'S CELEBRATED
 EXTRACTS—All kinds—bot.25c
 VEGETABLE COLORING—
 All colors, jar.....10c
 AMERICAN DRESSING—For
 fowls, etc.—Large. 25c; Small .10c
 ASSORTED FRUITS AND NUTS—
 In Boxes—Made to Order.
 5 lbs. 15c; 1 lb. 3c

Boxes—Each.....	\$1.15
ORANGE, LEMON, CITRON PEEL	
Per lb.....	.20c
DATES—Eden or Dromedary	
8 pkgs.—2 pkgs.....	25c
GALIF. WHITE FIGS—Extra large	
2 lbs.....	.25c
CRESCA FIGS—Imported Jar.....	.40c
MIXED NUTS—New Crop; 2 lbs.....	.45c
PLUM PUDDINGS—Reg.....	.69c
Reg. 50c.....	.43c, Red. 25c.....
	.22c

GIANT-QUEEN OLIVES—very
Fancy—2 bottles 45c
KNEIP'S MALT COFFEE—(Try it
at demonstration Booth)—
Large 25c Small 15c
FIG AND FRUIT PUDDING—
Mrs. Porter's—2 tins .. . 25c
LESKUCHEN—Honey Cake, pkg. 10c
We carry a large assortment of
fancy Cigars and Tobaccos suitable
for Christmas gifts.

Wines and Liquors

CRESTA BLANCA SPARKLING
WINES—Stamps Extra—
Large Bottle, \$1.25; Medium .65c
HAMILTON COCKTAILS—
Lge. Bot., 95c; Med., 50c; Sm., 25c
REISLING and SAUTERNE—High
Grade White Wines—Gal. . . \$1.15
HERMITAGE BOURBON—Bottled
in Bond—Bot. \$1.15

PORT and SHERRY—Reg. \$1.75
 gallon. Special \$1.35
 BRANDY—Calif. Grape—Reg. \$1.00—
 Special bottle 89c
 APRICOT CORDIAL—
 Large bot., 95c; medium . . . 50c

Fruits & Vegetables
FANCY ASSORTED BASKETS
 for Christmas Gifts....\$1.00 to \$5.00
GRAPEFRUIT—Med. size, 10 for 25c
FANCY NEWTOWN PIPPIN

APPLES - 1 box	25c
NAVEL ORANGES - Sweet and juicy; large size, dozen or 3 dozen	35c 95c
LEMONETTES - dozen or 3 dozen	10c 25c
OREGON SPITZENBERG APPLES - 5-lb. basket	30c
LOS ANGELES CELERY, 5c stalk	
SNOW WHITE CAULIFLOWER - 2 for	15c

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SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—The San Francisco-Oakland Terminal railway company asked permission of the town board last night to run its cars through town at a speed above the prescribed limit in order to make up time on the occasion of delays following breakdown of its cars. The board decided that it was not its duty to grant this permission, and that the cars should be run at the ordinary rate of speed. City Clerk W. J. Cannon was instructed to write the railway company to this effect. The board also decided to stop ten feet from the station street cars, according to the provisions of an ordinance which was recently passed and adopted by the board.

San-Leandrans Get Corner on Dried Peas

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—What virtual amounts to a corner on dried peas and beans grown in this district has been effected by T. Sullivan, a rancher, and several others, it is reported. The country around here grows a large acreage of peas, and as many of the farmers have dried this product this year, a large quantity is available. Whether the peas and beans will be shipped back to Europe or will be disposed of to home markets has not been given out. Order it now—a case of Rainier Beer for your home. Phone your dealer or Oakland 596.—Advertisement.

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BRITISH SAILORS NOW DRINK LESS

Engineer of English Ship Tells
Interesting War Zone
Tales.

HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—The British "war" is not usually held up as a shining example of strict sobriety, but the honor of the British sailor is being maintained by the government. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before.

SHIPOWNERS PLAY SAFE.

Since the importance of the merchant fleet to the country's welfare has been largely increased by the war, shipowners are taking no chances in insuring safe and speedy voyages. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before. The British sailor is now drinking less than ever before.

Alleged Bunko Man Gains His Freedom

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Jack Bernard, alleged international bunko operator taken into custody at the Fairmont Hotel, was before Police Judge Sullivan this morning on a vagrancy charge and obtained a dismissal of the case. Bernard promised to leave here at noon tomorrow for Sydney, Australia.

Opossums Trapped for Hayward Epicures

HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—Opossums trapped by Charles Hauschildt on his ranch south of town will figure on the Christmas dinner menu of many of his friends. "Possums are numerous in this part of the county and are occasionally caught in traps set for other rodents. They were first liberated in this part of the State a number of years ago and since that time frequent feasts reminiscent of old Kentucky days have followed their capture. The opossums caught by Hauschildt are unusually large.

"WILD AND WOOLY" IN AUTOS.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—As they sped down East Fourteenth street in an automobile last night, Charles Windel, Andrew Carlson and J. J. Motkel, Alameda youths, amused themselves by firing with a rifle at electric light globes, according to Marshal Joseph Peralta, who had them arrested. They were taken into custody by the Melrose police and handed over to Peralta. On the understanding that they pay for the damages to the lights they were liberated and it is said will not be prosecuted. Several broken globes along East Fourteenth street testified to good marksmanship.

"TOTE" YOUR OWN "NIP."

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—There is no law in this city to prevent a restaurant guest from bringing in a bottle or two of beer from a saloon as an entertainment. The town trustees decided last night, when the question was brought up, that the question was brought up, that the question was brought up, that the question was brought up.

W. O. W. TO ENTERTAIN.

HAYWARD, Dec. 21.—The members of the Cypress Camp, Woodmen of the World, will give a Christmas entertainment in Woodman hall this evening. The occasion will be also a rally of the old guard of the camp when many of the original chartered members will be present.

TO DISCUSS SITE.

FRUITVALE, Dec. 21.—The county hospital site will be discussed at the first after-noon meeting of the Southeast Oakland Improvement Club in January. Members of the organization representing a large part of Oakland are closely following expressions of public opinion on the site question.

TO GIVE CANTATA.

MELROSE, Dec. 21.—A Christmas celebration with a Santa Claus and cantata will be given by the Melrose Heights public school tomorrow afternoon at 6 o'clock under the auspices of the Melrose Heights Teachers' association. The treat will be for pupils of the first and second grades.

KROONLAND NOT HURT.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21.—The steamer Kroonland of the Panama-Pacific line, which sailed from San Francisco November 18 for London and touched at Corozel, has arrived here undamaged after having been grounded.

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POSTOFFICE CHANGE IS NOW FAVORED

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—Protest against the consolidation of Oakland and San Leandro postoffices was dropped by the town board last night. A communication was received from the East End Improvement Club saying the members had adopted a resolution in favor of free delivery of mail, which will come into effect following the consolidation. Decision of the board to take no further action against the consolidation was based largely on this communication, which indicates that a large section of the community wants the innovations which the step would bring.

Telegrams were sent to Senator Prael and Congressman Klatsen asking them to make no further protest against consolidation. Both had previously been requested by the town board and the Merchants' Association to see what could be done to maintain the separate identity of the San Leandro postoffice. In reply a few days ago they said that the matter would be taken up with postoffice headquarters in Washington.

While the controversy over consolidation will be practically settled by the board's decision, feeling still exists in certain quarters that the local postoffice should remain separate from that of Oakland. What more, if any, the Merchants' Association will make has not been learned.

Meantime Postmaster M. J. Andrade is preparing for the consolidation, which will come into effect January 1. Next Monday morning a notice will be placed in each postoffice box giving notification of the impending change. He will request all residents of San Leandro to leave their house numbers at the office and also the names of persons at those addresses who are likely to receive mail. All box holders are requested to notify the postmaster whether or not they wish to retain their boxes.

800 Tons of Mail Are Passed Through Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Eight hundred tons of Christmas mail, the heaviest quantity that ever has passed through the Chicago postoffice in a single day, was handled yesterday, officials announced today. The bulk of parcel post business was said to have exceeded all expectations.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS WHIST.
RICHMOND, Dec. 21.—The Royal Neighbors of America will give a whist party this evening at Pottan Castle. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Vickery, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. McCausland and Miss Nagle.

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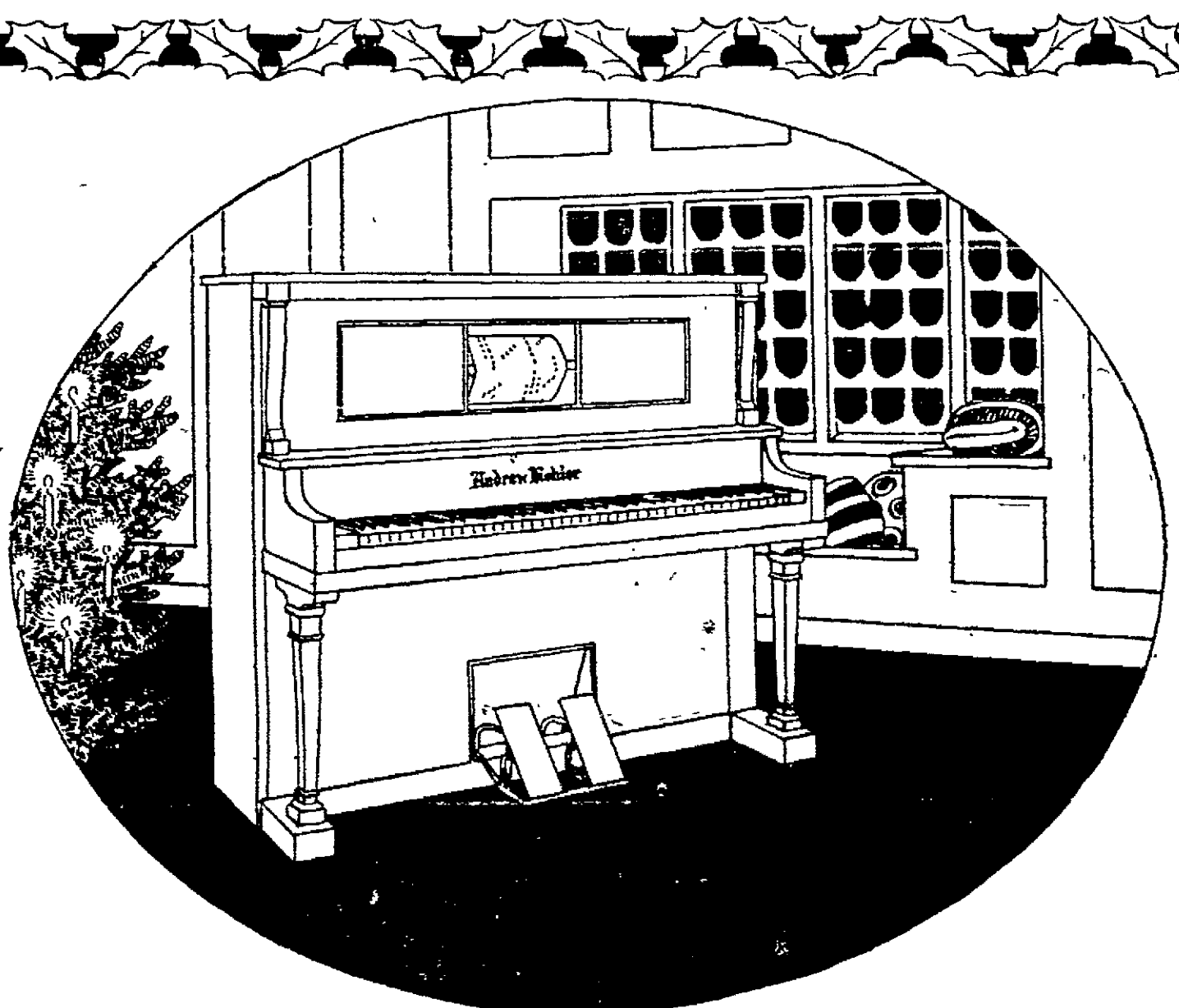
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JITNEY MEN NOT TO LOSE LICENSES

Technical Violations of Law Not to Be Grounds, Says Chief.

Jitney drivers may operate in Oakland without fear of losing their license for technical violations of the law, according to the testimony of Chief of Police William P. Wood before Superior Judge W. H. Wente in the hearing of a suit for injunction against the city officials. The court dismissed the petition without prejudice.

Chief Wood explained that at the time the suit was brought he had been ordered by Commissioner Jackson to place a strict interpretation on the city ordinance which provides that the chief of police "shall" revoke licenses where it is found that there have been infractions of the law, but that later advice of attorneys was to the effect that "shall" is not mandatory but discretionary. In view of that opinion, he said, Mayor Davis and Commissioner Jackson were satisfied that the matter of revocations should be discretionary in the future.

"It is apparent that confiscatory action is not contemplated as the present ordinance is interpreted," said the court in dismissing the petition.

The jitney drivers complained that they were threatened with arbitrary confiscation of their licenses. In their action it was alleged that the traction company had placed "spotters" at street crossings and kept records of all violations of the traffic laws, using the record as a foundation for asking that the chief of police revoke their licenses.

SCHOOL HEAD AT SAN JOSE IS TO MARRY



MISS RUTH I. TURNER

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—A romance which had its inception in the San Jose school department will result in the marriage this evening of the city's superintendent of schools, Alexander Sheriffs, and Miss Ruth I. Turner, until recently head of the Balbach avenue kindergarten, this city. The ceremony will take place at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton N. Turner of 552 North New Hampshire avenue, Los Angeles.

Miss Turner is a graduate of an Atlanta, Ga., conservatory of music, has attended Oberlin College and Washington State University and is a graduate of the Los Angeles State Normal kindergarten department. She is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society.

Sheriffs was graduated at Stanford University in law and is a member of several fraternities and of the honor fraternity Phi Beta Kappa. He has been superintendent of San Jose's schools for several years and is a past grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodge.

While at Stanford Sheriffs was known as a Carnot medal debater. His record as executive head of the local department has been a factor in raising the standard of the San Jose schools above that of most all cities of a state noted for its exceptionally good city schools.

Sheriffs was tendered his farewell bachelor's banquet at the La Moles house last night. It was a stag affair and a couple of score of intimate friends were present.

Officials Cannot Find General Villa

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Despite efforts of federal and state authorities to locate General Francisco Villa, his present whereabouts were undetermined. Reports received in Juarez to the effect that General Villa had left Chihuahua City for Guaymas were discredited here. It was stated: officially that he had crossed the border, but whether he expected to remain in seclusion is not known here.

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Esperanto Spoken in European War Camps

Esperanto in the trenches and on the battlefields of Europe, according to local enthusiasts of the "international language" movement, is being extensively used to provide a common language whereby the dozen or more nationalities mixed in the wars may understand each other. Classes in which Esperanto is taught have been established in German, Russian, Bulgarian and Austrian prisoner camps, while the masses of the people in the countries overrun by enemies are being urged to master the manner of expression.

The movement is widespread, as evidenced by the fact that the green star emblem of the members of Esperanto organizations and Esperanto text books have often been found on the persons of killed or wounded soldiers.

Large classes of men and women are learning the language in Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco. A new class has recently been established in Berkeley under direction of Professor F. Posnikoff, an instructor of Russian at the University of California.

Says She Was Sold to Life of Slavery

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—Miss Helen May, aged 23, of Mills Valley, was brought to this city from San Francisco by a white slaver named Timothy Carr and disposed of to C. M. Coughlin, proprietor of a hotel, for \$50, according to the young woman's testimony today in the trial of Mrs. Coughlin on charges of pandering. A jury is hearing the testimony.

A large number of clubwomen who were excluded from the preliminary hearing at the request of the defense were in the superior court today. Testimony of conditions existing in lodging houses and hotels as a result of efforts of the District Attorney to enforce the red-light injunction and abatement act was given at the preliminary hearing and will probably be amplified on in the superior court.

Santa Clara to Lose if Will Is Broken

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—Ollie Weiss, Clara Aulich and Ida Otte of Germany were yesterday given twenty days to file contents of the will of the late Dr. George W. Seifert, a local physician, who left an estate worth \$225,000.

The San Jose lodge of 21ks would lose \$15,000, St. Anne's hospital of Philadelphia \$15,000 and Notre Dame convent of this city and O'Connor sanatorium \$20,000 each as a result of the contest, while Santa Clara university, the residuary legatee, would lose at least \$150,000 if the will were broken.

The university will set up the defense that it is not a charity, and therefore has precedence.

Oakland Man Is in Mexican Force

With the expeditionary force dispatched from San Francisco to Tepic, Mexico, to prevent the massacre of American residents in Mexico at the hands of the warring Yaquis tribes, is Ralph R. Amburn of Oakland.

Amburn, accompanying the American marines, was stationed at San Diego until orders were issued in Washington to proceed to the west coast of Mexico to protect all Americans whose lives were in jeopardy. He then, Otis F. Amburn, Oakland merchant, resides at the family home at 3404 Market street.

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\$3.25 Oil Heaters	\$2.25	\$2.75 Thermos Fottles N. P.	\$2.34
\$1.25 Pearl Oil for above, can	\$1.04	\$2.50 Ball Bearing Skates	\$1.47
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Millionaire Breaks Speed Records Wooing and Winning California Girl

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Following a record-breaking romance of fourteen days, in which a millionaire broke speed records in wooing and winning a California girl, the couple were married today at a ceremony performed by Rev. E. P. Lee, pastor of the Methodist church at Hollywood.

The romance began two weeks ago at the Alexander hotel, where Arnold and his mother were stopping. Arnold first saw Miss Heppie as she was participating in the "first of the year" ball.

Failing to meet her, he waited for her for three days until he secured an introduction, only to find that she had been friends of many years standing.

The second meeting was in Coronado, where Miss Heppie visited Mrs. Arnold after daily long distance telephone conversations. Arnold then proposed to her.

The wedding was followed by a whirl of shopping and preparation for the wedding, for the bride will make her home in Hollywood.

CUPID STILL HUNTING ABOUT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Dan Cupid is reported still hovering around the White House. According to rumor, the new mistress of the White House, upon her return with the President from his honeymoon, will signalize her friendship for her friend and companion, Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, by announcing her engagement from the White House to the President's friend, physician and humorist, Dr. J. S. Grayson.

To those on the outside it has looked as if Cupid had been hunting about the White House for some time, running alongside that of the President during the past few weeks. Miss Gordon is a Washington, where she has lived with a companion and chaperon. She has taken little part in society, but has been extremely popular with a small group of distinguished Southerners.

LOT IN CEMETERY IS ATTACHED BY WIFE

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The filing of an attachment on a lot in the city cemetery owned by Harry Dittman Harms, a rancher living near Union House, to force payment of alimony and divorce costs proves that almost anything can be attached.

The attachment is posted at the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Harms, the second wife of Harms, and it incumbers all of the graves in the cemetery, with the exception of the one occupied by Mrs. Mary Harms, the first wife.

The amount of the unpaid alimony is \$125, the divorce decree calling for \$25 and attorney's fees. Mrs. Harms at present is living in Oakland.

Her attachment lands out on the plot like a "To Let" or "For Sale" sign. It is fixed to a stake driven in the ground in the center of the plot.

BASEBALL MAGNATE'S SON SUE BY WOMAN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 21.—"Three weeks" may be all right in a book, but after my experience I advise girls to stick to the books.

This is the way Miss Nell Elzing, a former Pacific Coast actress, yesterday summed up her experience with J. Paulson Ball, St. Louis Federal League manager. She told of her experience with Ball just after she filed a \$50,000 breach of promise suit against him.

She met Ball, she said, while on a tour en route to Australia, to appear in a vaudeville sketch. The trip to Sydney took three weeks, she said. On the ship she became a member of a party of

COURT TO STUDY SLINGSBY BABY FAMOUS CASE WILL BE REOPENED IN JANUARY TITLE TO GREAT ESTATE INVOLVED

Sir Edward Carson's Eloquence Will Be Heard

Sir Edward Carson, former attorney-general of Great Britain, is to defend the estate of "Teddy" Slingsby, the baby whose case has been in the courts of two nations and whose parentage has been investigated by detectives here and in England.

The British probate courts recognized the child as that of Lieutenant Charles H.



Famous Slingsby Baby: At the top he is pictured with his mother; below, with his nurse.

Samuel Rosenheim Is Sued for Divorce

Mrs. Fannie M. Myer-Rosenheim, daughter of the late Daniel Myer, San Francisco banker, has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Samuel Rosenheim, well known attorney, in the suit which she commenced in Reno several months ago.

At the time Mrs. Rosenheim went to Reno for the purpose of starting her divorce, her brother was there and was also being sued for divorce in San Francisco. Attorney Rosenheim entered suit in the local courts, alleging desertion, but his wife's pleadings in the Reno courts prevailed.

The Rosenheims were married in September, 1901. At that time Mrs. Rosenheim was the divorced wife of A. W. Myer, a San Francisco attorney. In her complaint against her second husband, Mrs. Rosenheim alleged that he had failed to support her since 1903, the year her father died, leaving her with a fortune.

RECEPTION GIVEN TEACHER. SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—Miss Flora A. Downer, who recently resigned her position as a member of the grammar school staff, was given a reception by her colleagues last night. The affair was a surprise to the popular teacher, whose marriage will take place shortly. Her engagement to John Gallagher, a business man, has been announced.

DUCHESSE TO HELP PAY MANCHESTER DEBTS. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Duchesse of Manchester (formerly Helen Zimmerman of Cincinnati) is endeavoring to straighten out her husband's financial affairs in order to save him from public examination in the bankruptcy court. She strenuously objects to this proceeding and to ward it off a certain per cent on the dollar, it is said, will be offered the duke's creditors by trustees of the Zimmerman estate in America.

Christmas Festival Planned by Battery. The members of Battery B Field Artillery, N. G. C., are planning to give a Christmas festival and dance at their armory on the evening of December 23, and as has always been the case, a good time is assured to everybody present.

A beautifully decorated tree will be a leading feature and at an opportune moment Santa Claus will appear and distribute presents to everybody with all the good wishes of the season. There will be fruit and candy for the kiddies and "Joel" presents for the members of the battery. After the distribution of presents refreshments will be served and this will be followed by an evening of dancing.

Since the organization of the battery it has been the custom to hold a Christmas festival every year.

ATTACHES CEMETERY LOT FOR ALIMONY. SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—An attachment on a cemetery lot owned by Harry D. Harms, in which there are seven graves, one of them being that of his first wife, was filed today for Mrs. Elizabeth H. Harms by her attorney. Mrs. Harms is seeking to recover alleged unpaid alimony amounting to \$225.

The attachment notice was fixed to a stake driven in the center of the lot. The attachment papers show it is to apply to all of the plot "save and except that part in which Mary Harms is buried."

WOMAN FAST DOCTOR RELEASED ON PAROLE. OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 21.—The state prison board has granted a parole to Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazzard, fasting specialist, to become effective December 26, upon the completion of the two-year minimum of her manslaughter sentence.

Mrs. Hazzard was given a two to twenty-year sentence, following the death of Miss Claire Williamson, a patient at the Hazzard sanitarium at Olympia in 1911, after three months' almost total abstinence from food at the direction of the practitioner.

DANVILLE GRANGE ELECTION. DANVILLE, Dec. 21.—In accordance with the custom of making a woman master of their lodge, the Danville Grange elected Mrs. Myra Moore to occupy the chair vacated by Mrs. Mina Williams. Other officers elected were Miss Elizabeth Wood, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Podva, treasurer.

WEDS GIRL OF 15. MARTINEZ, Dec. 21.—Walter P. Martinez, 21 years, a mining man of Carson, Calaveras county, yesterday claimed as his bride Miss Gertrude P. Freidau, 15, of Livingston, Neb. King is one of the wealthiest mining men in the Sierras.

Uncle Wiggily Longears Goes Skating

(By Howard R. Carl)

Nurse Jane Fuzzy Wuzzy, the muskrat lady who kept the mouse skunk on a leash in order for Uncle Wiggily Longears, the rabbit gentleman, was coming home from the store one day when she saw, just ahead of her, Sammie Littlefoot, the rabbit boy, and Johnnie and Billie Bushytail, the two squirrel chaps. The little animal boys were talking very earnestly about something.

"You ask him," Nurse Jane heard Johnnie say to Sammie.

"No, you'd better do it," replied the rabbit boy. "He likes you, Sammie."

"And he likes you, too, Sammie," said the other little boy. "You'd better speak to Uncle Wiggily first, and then, if he won't do it, we'll ask him."

"Well, I wonder what it is they're going to ask Uncle Wiggily," thought Nurse Jane, as she kept on. "I think I'll take a short cut home, get there before those animal chaps and tell Uncle Wiggily how better watch out, or they may be going to play a joke on him."

"Oh, I guess they're only going to ask me to give them a lollipop," said the rabbit gentleman to Nurse Jane, when she had told him what she had heard; haven't we?"

"Yes, but I don't believe they're coming for them," said the muskrat lady. "Pretty soon along came Sammie Littlefoot and Johnnie and Billie Bushytail. They tapped on the bungalow door and when Uncle Wiggily opened it and saw them, he said:

"Oh, Uncle Wiggily, will you please come skating with us? The duck pond is frozen over and the ice is fine. Come and have a skate with us."

"Bless my silk hat," laughed the rabbit gentleman. "I am too old for that. My skating days are over. Besides, I have the rheumatism. Is that all you were going to ask me? I thought you were coming for lollipops."

Sammie and Billie and Johnnie looked at one another.

"Weer—I—that is, we—we, we could ask you for lollipops if you wanted us," said Johnnie, sort of wagging his tail. "We'd like to have a lollipop."

"Of course I want you," cried Uncle Wiggily. "What are lollipops for if not for animal boys and girls, I'd like to keep a few."

So the rabbit gentleman brought out the funny canisters, with a stick for a handle, and the rabbit chap and the squirrel boys had a nice time. Then Johnnie said:

"Well, if you won't come skating yourself, Uncle Wiggily, will you come and watch us?"

"Yes, I'll do that," promised the bunny uncle, who always like to do what he could to make his little animal friends happy.

"And maybe you could slide on the slippery ice," said Sammie. "That wouldn't hurt your rheumatism."

"Maybe not," said Uncle Wiggily. So off he went with the rabbit and the squirrel to the frozen duck pond. The animal boys put on their skates, which were made from pieces of hard wood, with wild grape leaves for straps, and they began to skate up and down, while Uncle Wiggily watched.

But pretty soon the old rabbit gentleman began to grow from standing still, so he said to himself:

"Well, I am getting pretty old and rheumatoid, but I guess I can dance the peanut jig. I can slide on the ice. So here I go!"

He took a little run and slid about, turning slowly around like the hands of the clock, only faster.

"Why—that was fun!" cried Uncle Wiggily. "I haven't slid since I was a boy. Here goes for another!"

"Say, that's great!" cried Sammie and Billie and Johnnie, who were skating fast. "You're a good skater, Uncle Wiggily!"

"I'm glad you think so," answered Uncle Wiggily. He kept on having fun and things, but the doctor's office at home was getting to be a little more and more necessary to the development of the body and mind.

"Oh, dear! This is too bad!" said Uncle Wiggily. "Too bad!"

"You must go to Dr. Possum at once," chattered Billie and Johnnie Bushytail. "No, we must do better than that," said Uncle Wiggily. "We must carry Sammie to the doctor's office. Sammie needs medicine right away, or he may die. I'll carry him to Dr. Possum's house. The shortest way is right across the ice."

And so Sammie was, and Uncle Wiggily was very glad he skated a little. "It only goes to show that you never know what you can do until you try," said the rabbit gentleman, as he carried Sammie home.

So everything came out all right, as I always try to make it, and if the feather in the lady's hat doesn't tickle the trolley car conductor, please let him drop his glasses. I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily in a hole.

RABELAIS BANISHED; DAVIS IS CENSOR. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—After carefully pondering the contents of Rabelais for several weeks, Collector J. O. Davis decided yesterday that it is not proper reading. A copy of the famous work sent here from London was barred from entry and ordered shipped back to that wicked city. No one at the custom house questioned his judgment, for they all had time to read it.

Rabelais wrote droll stories, so droll that the laughter they have aroused has echoed down the ringing grooves of change since the world was frankly pagan. He was frank. He discussed subjects not mentioned in polite conversation. Undoubtedly Davis is right. The book would cause a riot in Powell street.

But, unfortunately, the dictate of the Collector of Customs is not of much force in the world of art and letters. Nobody's censoring Rabelais, but his classic is always available and lives his laughter and recollection the world over.

K. O. F. TO ENTERTAIN. Under the direction of a committee headed by H. D. Lovett, chairman, the plans for the Christmas tree entertainment to be given by Paramount Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias, on Wednesday evening, have been completed. The affair will be held in Pythian hall, 243 Twelfth street. There will be a program given by the young people and dancing for the grown-ups.

YEARLED FOR WORLDLY WOMEN. NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"Sir, he insulted me. He called me his nominal wife," said Mrs. Edith Shoninger today during trial of her suit against Dr. Lee J. Shoninger for separation. Mrs. Shoninger has made for two years a scandalous husband, among which is that he repeatedly told her he preferred "flat-breasted women with red hair, women who are trained, experienced and worldly."

The Fad a Useful Device

(By Lillian Russell)

FADS and hobbies have their places. They cannot be ruled out of the category of useful devices. Indolence is a crime which nature never forgives. The human body was not planned for idleness. Without exercise both the mind and the body degenerate. The fad and hobby provide a form of exercise when others are lacking. I now many fads seem trivial when compared with the more serious employments. Some are too trifling to be taken into consideration, yet each provides employment for somebody. It promotes action. Where there is incentive to action all hope is not lost. Through action there is mental development. It is time enough to criticize the fad when it displaces more serious employment of brain and muscle. The fad of today may become the common custom of tomorrow.

Faddists display their products and others make their selections at will, sometimes adopting them as customs. They are contributing something to life, even when it is only to the gayer, the season of passing entertainment or amusement. You look over the wares on the shelves of the merchants before selecting what you want. In the same manner you consider the offerings of faddists. The public takes what it wants and tosses the remainder into the scrap pile.

A fad will often elevate a person from a restricted sphere. It may remove one from a narrow rut, for it is generally something new and novel. It diverts the mind from the usual and ordinary, at least temporarily. Sometimes the adoption of a simple fad will place the sluggish mental mechanism in operation and lead to more serious thoughts.

It cannot be harmful to exercise the inventive qualities of the mind in originating fads and fancies. The ability to recognize a novelty is worth while. The recognition of the talent, even in a simple way, may lead to something better.

But it is the occupation provided by the adoption of a fad that gives it its greatest value. It is better to be occupied with trifles than not to be occupied at all. The person who is too sluggish and indolent to even take up the little things in life is a sad spectacle.

Some fads are ridiculous in the extreme. They may even prove disgusting. Yet thought and mental activity precede them both. They are the outcome of at least some mental activity. The idler is the person most in need of fads. People who are engaged in serious occupations have enough demands upon them to prevent that indolence which is a crime against both the body and the mind. It is the idler, that man or woman who is not called upon to take up a serious occupation, that needs one, whether it is in the nature of something serious or merely a simple fancy.

Fads are diverting. They raise the mind from the routine. They quicken the action of the mind and body. If you have no serious employment and find yourself on the verge of indolence take up a fad. When time hangs heavy on your hands look for a fad. If your work becomes burdensome seek a fad as a diversion. The fad has its place in the system of things. It is always opposed to indolence and requires the action which is necessary to the development of the body and mind.

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you can, as if looking at the ceiling. Then look down, the nose crossing the eyes. This must be done five times. Care should be taken that the eyes are not strained. Do the exercises slowly and gently.

3. Look as far to the right as you can, as if looking at the ceiling. Then move the eye from right to left in the same way. Do not strain the eye. The exercises should be taken in the morning only and without facing the light. In about a week they may be done both night and morning.

SELMA G.—Write again. You neglected to inclose envelope for reply.

WORRIED READER—Sur a teaspoonful of powdered borax and five drops of tincture of benzoin into four ounces of rose water and then add finely powdered oatmeal and almond meal in quantities sufficient to make a paste. Before retiring spread this on the hands and cover them with large gloves. Rub off on arising in the morning with a cleansing cream. Some beauties whose hands are among their greatest attractions, never put warm water on the hands except once a day, when they are scrubbed thoroughly at night with warm water and caustic soap. Use the water as warm as possible to obtain the best effects. Replace the soapy water with cold and allow this to run over the hands until it has become very cold. Then plaster the hands with the paste.

ELSIE B.—Before using the green soap bathe the face in warm water, not too hot, but so the hair will be loosened. Then wash the face with the soap. When the skin looks pink and feels soft and warm anoint it with the green soap. Rub it well into the pores for three minutes. Rub the soap from the face with warm water, using a camel's hair complexion brush as to remove all the soap and as many of the blackheads as will come; then use cold water until the face is thoroughly cool. Wipe the face thoroughly with sterilized gauze or cheesecloth. Fill the skin with cold cream. Just "dabbed" on all over; let it remain half an hour, then wipe off any that is superfluous with a soft cloth. The amount of dirt that comes will be incredible. Continue the treatment every night until the blackheads have disappeared.

Betty—To take the Epsom salt baths for reduction first dissolve two pounds of the salt and one-quarter of a pound of the common washing soda in a bath tub full of water as hot as you can conveniently stand it. Remain in the bath for twenty minutes at least. Then get out of the tub roll up in a blanket and lie down and sweat for twenty minutes. The baths should be taken every day, as an occasional one is of no value in reducing.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

KATHRYN S.—Exercise: 1. Hold a pencil at arm's length. Draw it closely up to the bridge of the nose, looking closely at it all the time. Do this ten times. 2. Raise your eyes as high as

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There is a fine display of Christmas turkeys in stock now at the Lewis-Morisset, 517 Washington street, and the word has been passed that early buyers will get the best of this exceptionally rare lot of Christmas turkeys. It is a good deal like buying anything else. "Do your Christmas Shopping Early" applies as much to buying turkeys as anything.

Open until 10 o'clock tomorrow, the Lewis-Morisset has a feature of its turkeys for the holiday season in procuring the finest quality that money can buy.

The Poultry Dept. of its market at 517 Washington street, will be open until 10 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday evening, to accommodate the public.

The class of turkeys sold by Lewis for Thanksgiving were of the very highest quality, and although turkeys were offered at a lower price by some other people, the turkeys that Lewis put out were of the very finest grade of California raised birds.

So "Buy Early."—Advertisement.

Christmas Tree Is Reported Stolen

A case of beer, three Christmas trees, 40 wreaths and six yards of brocade were among the thefts reported to the police.

The theft was reported by John J. Egan, 1914 E street, Ninth and Washington streets, reported the Christmas tree and wreath thefts; James Monahan, Ruhnstallers' Brewery, reported the theft of the beer, and S. Eisberg, 375 Fourth street, the theft of brocade.

Powder Plant Blown Up; Workmen Escaped

CAIRO, Ill., Dec. 21.—The nitro-glycerin plant of the Aetna Powder Company at Cairo, Ill., was blown up this morning when 2000 pounds of nitro-glycerin ex-

Suggestions

For Him—

- Shaving Mugs
- Lather Brushes
- Razor Straps
- Razors, Safety or Plain
- Rubber Boots
- Thermos Bottles

A simple line drawing of a thermos bottle with a handle. A small mug is balanced on top of the thermos. The thermos has a label with some illegible text.

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A TARIFF COMMISSION.

Recent developments of sentiment regarding the question of national revenues have led some observers, including Democratic leaders, to believe the President is about ready to change his mind on the subject of a tariff commission to study scientifically production and transportation costs, and other related data, in this country and abroad. Former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, Democrat, is one of the more optimistic and after his interview with the President last week issued a statement in which he asserted Mr. Wilson gave him to hope Congress would shortly be asked to create such a commission. Mr. Cox went over the national fiscal situation at some length and informed the President there was widespread opposition to his proposed stamp tax and other measures of direct taxation.

It will be recalled that some six or eight months ago Governor Cox wrote to Mr. Wilson to ascertain his views on the creation of a permanent tariff commission. The President replied that the thought on his mind at that time was that the government already possessed adequate machinery to arrive at a logical and economically-supported idea of tariff schedules. He referred to the Federal Trade Commission and the departments of commerce and of labor. Referring to the question of further railway regulation in his recent message to Congress, the President suggested that "it is essential we have the necessary instrumentalities of information constantly at our service so that we may know exactly what we are dealing with when the time comes to act." He said he might address Congress more fully at a later date.

The present machinery of the federal government is as competent to deal with the railway situation as it is that of a scientific tariff, though that is not saying a great deal. If Mr. Wilson is now ready to recommend a tariff commission of sufficient ability and authority seriously to take up the study of business conditions throughout the world, he is ready publicly to confess the incapacity of his party to finance the operations of the national government. He would have been saved much embarrassment had he not abolished the tariff commission created by President Taft and we would now be well along with the tasks such a commission must accomplish.

The desirability of a permanent tariff commission has long been evident and Mr. Wilson need not hesitate to endorse it. He will be on safe ground so long as he recognizes that its personnel must be composed of men of the highest professional ability and fitness for the peculiar work to be performed. There is no need to speak of the "non-partisan" nature of such a commission, or of "taking the tariff out of politics." A properly constructed commission need not concern itself with these phases; its duty will be impartial study and investigation and the assembling of data; its object should be to furnish Congress with information. The party doctrines of protection and free trade will probably remain live issues for some time, and so long as the power to enact laws rests with Congress that body will not be likely to surrender the right to pass on a tariff commission's recommendations. But the business of the country is non-partisan and Congress should have reliable information as to its needs. If any administration in charge is fearful of providing a medium for furnishing data on which intelligent and efficient action may be based it is not to be safely trusted with the nation's affairs.

FOREIGN CREDITS.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer and private British financial interests are beginning to discuss the question of another credit in the United States. There has been voiced the suggestion of a "mobilization of American securities in Great Britain" to provide security for an American loan. In the absence of further details it is not easy to see just how the "mobilization" is to be worked out. If the English government purposes to buy up the privately-held securities and then convert them into a government loan, it is to be viewed as a step of doubtful economy.

The government would be certain to lose at both ends of the transaction, even if it were put

through to ideal perfection, which is unlikely; again, the stock-brokers will surely beat the government if it enters the market—they will "trick-up" the market so as to force the government to buy at top price and sell at bottom price. If the government proposes to induce the holder of American securities to sell them and buy home government bonds with the proceeds it will depend for success upon the patriotism of the security-holders. Just how far patriotic sentiment would dominate popular financial small deals is questionable. It has not been done conspicuously in the past. If this is the scheme the government would have done better to have put it into execution when the war started; its credit was then much better, as compared to American securities, than it is now.

The "Allied Credit" of a half-billion dollars negotiated last August has about been exhausted—at least, the time has arrived to provide for further credits if the belligerents contemplate maintaining their purchases very much longer at the present rate. At the time the loan was made we pointed out that the half-billion was only sufficient to meet the payments on supplies then delivered and contracted for for delivery within the ensuing six months. The balance of trade in favor of the United States has been growing at the rate of about ninety million a month, and if sterling exchange is not to drop any lower—it is now seventeen cents below normal—another credit or loan must be arranged.

A RESTRICTED CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, 1915, is not going to be a big, popular affair, comparatively speaking. The bigger half of the Christian world is at war. In some parts of continental Europe even the snow will not be as white as it has been in the past. The air won't be as pure and the sun won't shine as bright. The laughter of little children is stilled and the singing of mothers has become a prayer and a lament.

There isn't much we can do to help matters; the tragedy of war is too crushing and too terrific. There are too many fathers and sons and brothers missing. Hospitals and trenches mean aching hearts and unfillable voids in the homes of the people. Not satisfied with taking the men the war monster has destroyed homes and devoured the substance of the land, America has sent shiploads of Christmas things to Europe. Things to nourish and warm the bodies; other neutral countries have done something—we have all done well—but we have not warmed the hearts and given the people happiness. There can be no real joy where peace is not.

So it follows that the people of the United States must do the biggest part of celebrating Christmas this year. It is Christianity's birthday and for centuries the world has observed it by manifestations of joy, of good-will, of thankfulness and brotherly consideration. It is Christianity's universal holiday. Surely we don't wish there should be less of the Christmas spirit in the world this year than usual—that would indicate a loss in appreciation of the Divine Love—and since half the world is filled with enmity and misfortune the other half must do more than usual.

Considering the inexpensiveness of a good thought and a kindly act, the matter seems quite simple. Our Good Fellow bureau shows us how many hundreds of Oakland residents will discharge the joyful obligation. But they have not monopolized all the outlets for the Christmas spirit. There are many other opportunities for creating good cheer. Try to think of something you can do and if you fail to hit upon a suitable idea, just take credit for the thought you gave it. There is an army of shop employees in the city that you can assist to fuller enjoyment of the day by merely being unselfish; arrange matters so you won't have to make any purchases Christmas Eve. Think for a moment of those less fortunate than you, be of good temper and when the newsboy drops your paper at the front door Christmas afternoon breathe a silent toast that he will get home early to a good dinner. There is some way we can show our great gratitude.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield speaks quite plainly to Congress in that section of his annual report dealing with the steamboat inspection service and directly referring to the Eastland disaster. He writes: "Here and now for the THIRD TIME the department makes these facts clear and asks the authority, which it now lacks, to protect the lives of innocent passengers. If that authority is not furnished, the responsibility for the loss of life which is certain to happen will not rest upon the department." This is flamboyant nonsense. Mr. Redfield doesn't know a thing about the certainty of loss of life on steamboats. By "authority to protect" he means facilities to take all possible precautions to safeguard the life of passengers. The Department of Commerce is now empowered and enjoined to enforce some measures of safety and if loss of life occurs the department will be responsible insofar as it failed to perform its duty. The declaration of Mr. Redfield to the contrary will not absolve it. Fortunately neither he nor the department may escape responsibility so easily.

Mayor Woodward of Atlanta has vetoed a resolution of the city council calling for an election to recall himself from office. So long as the law gives him the power of veto in a matter so directly affecting himself such action should cause no surprise.

NOTES and COMMENT

The wedding being over we can now return to the war news and other dreadful things.

A letter mailed in 1899 has just been delivered. Even a messenger boy could develop more speed than that.

A dispatch says Taft's throat trouble is so bad that he can't talk. Singular how perversely affliction comes. Bryan is never late up that way.

T. R. says there was nothing in that dinner with the magnates except just eating; but a good many people still speculate about it.

More than \$129,000 was expended in the effort to make Massachusetts a suffrage state. They came within 123,151 votes of it.

The State of Washington begins, January first, its dry career. From all accounts, a good many are making the most of it up to that time.

The new pantaleone takes society by storm, as we read in a fashion note. If by "society" is meant the male population, the item may be said to have made a mark.

There will soon be no place to hang your harp. The willow trees are being cut down to furnish material for artificial hubs. No other wood appears to be as suitable.

We read that an auto ran over a San Francisco policeman's ear, but that he is expected to live. Very remarkable and fortunate—meaning fortunate that he is expected to live.

According to a piece in the papers Glasgow was "filled with blazing Usquebaugh." "Usquebaugh" appears to stand for whisky in this connection, and there were twelve thousand barrels. Hoot, mon!

Villa has had enough, apparently, and is reported as coming to this country to be good. The further report that he has closed a contract to go on the Chautauqua circuit must be somebody's attempt to be funny.

They have organized to secure the appointment of a "farm advisor" for Los Angeles county. Which paves the way for all the funny men elsewhere to ring the changes about Los Angeles being in the farmer class.

The Cleveland dispatch about a famine in schmierkaes on account of it being bought up by the allies to use in the manufacture of shells is probably the work of a paid humorist. Though schmierkaes is rather deadly to some people.

Captain Henry W. Bunn of the army acquired one similar to his name and was court-martialed for intoxication. He got off with a reprimand. The malign suggestive power of his name may have inspired the court to leniency.

The Federal League of ball clubs has lost three millions in its efforts to break into the game profitably. Baseball is fascinating, but a fellow with that much money ought to be able to enjoy himself watching the other fellow's club play.

According to a Washington dispatch which it is not absolutely safe to bet on, some Democrats are fearful of Wilson's failure to be renominated and are looking around for another candidate. Well, they know who will be right on hand and won't have to be urged.

The English suffragists threaten to again become militant. Should they carry their threat into execution just at this time it surely would tax the national patience and cause thinking people of other nations to wonder if there is any hurry to enfranchise people with such a fore-shortened idea of the fitness of things.

WANT NEUTRAL SHIPS.

There is a more serious phase to the situation from an American standpoint than the loss of available tonnage through the withdrawal of the Pacific Mail ship, however, which many American business men so far have not appreciated. The need is not only that of adequate tonnage and passenger accommodations for the shipment of goods and the transport of mails and passengers across the Pacific, but there is actual and pressing demand for American and other neutral ships, as differentiated from Japanese, British or other non-neutral ships in the present war, and American manufacturers are losing a vast amount of trade in China, not only prospective, but actual, and trade they already have had in the past, in not having American ships to carry their goods.

The situation is well illustrated in the matter of cotton piece goods for the trade in China, concerning which there has already been considerable discussion, and which represent so great a part in Chinese import trade. As reported heretofore, a large portion of the \$75,000,000 (gold) worth of cotton piece goods imported into China each year are imported by the firms under their own "chops" or trademarks.

For many years a combination between British manufacturers of cotton piece goods and German import and distributing houses in China has been one of the bulwarks of British and German trade in China, and has represented one of the strongest obstacles to the extension of American trade in such lines. By the terms of the British proclamation against trading with the enemy, however, British manufacturers can no longer furnish such goods to German or other enemy traders in China. Siam, or other countries in which extra territorial jurisdiction prevails.—Report of Consul-General Anderson of Hongkong.

Mr. Daniels' New Dreadnaught a Little Disappointing in Her Lines



THE FORUM

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SOCIAL ORDER TO BLAME?

To the Editor of The Tribune:

Miss Beatrice McCall's letter to the mayor is of great interest. She is chief of a city department, supported by the taxpayers, which she says is for the purpose of "befriending women in any kind of distress, who may need sympathy, advice, legal aid, financial assistance, protection from loan sharks, attendance in court, medical care, moral support or friendliness of any kind such as they may request."

She recommends a system of amusements at the municipal expense, and finds a reason for it all in the present "social order which breeds unemployment, poverty and disease," and finds the only "hopeless class" to be those who "believe that the criminal are wilfully criminal and that poverty is a matter of choice, for these are 'the products of our community life.'"

From this it is to be understood that the criminal is not individually guilty of his crime, but it is a social guilt, and society is the real criminal, and that poverty and dependence are also to be treated as the creation of our "social order" and the personal equation is to be left out. All of this millennial program of amelioration is to be installed and administered at the expense of the taxpayer, with Miss McCall as the executive. Now who is the taxpayer? In 50 per cent of the cases he is a spiritless clod, who in his early life began to save when he began to earn.

He kept up this pernicious practice until out of his savings he became an owner of property, even going to the reprehensible extreme of going into business, in many cases. He became so hopeless as to own a home and have a family, which he brazenly clothes and feeds. He is so lost to all proper principle that he does not let the school janitor bathe his children, but has that done at home. He even has his children's teeth, eyes, ears and throats attended to at his own expense, and worst of all, provided their amusements at his own cost. He is responsible for the "social order," and all his life has benefited by a competitive system, his competitor being the high-souled person who in early life spends all his earnings and by growing enterprised soon spends more. With commendable spirit he marries on credit a woman who is too high souled to cook, keep house and do the work of a servant. To this congenial and happy partnership children are born who fulfil the high function of childhood by supplying the neighbors and the community with a problem, thus sharpening their wits by giving them something to think about.

In due course of nature this excellent citizen dies, is buried on credit, with the rent overdue and nothing to continue feeding the family out of paper bags from the delicatessen store.

The wretched taxpayer has won out in this competition in the social order for which he is responsible. Therefore Miss McCall is necessary to teach him what's what and make him pay roundly and frequently to supply the highly creditable omission of his deceased competitor who royally spent as he earned and died in the Lord and also in debt.

More than this, the miserable taxpayer has to be told by Miss McCall, that others of his competitors whose enterprised leads them to embark in the gainful occupations of burglary, pocket picking, purse snatching, arson, murder and other industries of that kind, are not themselves criminal, but that the real criminal is society, of which the chief support is this same taxpayer. Miss McCall warns him that her department "frees" with deliberate and fresh vision towards a new order of human relation. Let the wretch hear and heed, for it may mean that when Tinker Bell, the vegman, impulsively kills a taxpayer who objects to

DR. JOHN GRIER HIBBEN FOR PREPAREDNESS.

President of Princeton University Does Not Fear Nation Will Be Betrayed by False Ambitions of Militarism

The many objections to a policy of reasonable preparedness seem to find concentrated expression in the question—"But who is our enemy? Against whom are we to prepare?" This question is wide of the mark. It is not only illogical, it is trivial and irrelevant. With the foe upon our borders there is no time for preparedness, only for the mobilizing of our available forces as best we may. This question therefore means that it is time enough to meet the enemy when he is recognized as such. And this would necessitate a complete dependence upon a voluntary army hastily collected and wholly lacking in any knowledge or experience of arms. To meet disciplined and seasoned troops by hastily "gathered" forces of ignorant and unprepared citizens is the height of folly. I feel very strongly that preparedness is not at all incompatible with the love of peace and the hatred of war. If we as a people are trained in the essential principles of justice and our ideas of right are grounded in the conviction that there is one ethic for the individual as well as for the nation the ability to defend ourselves will not lead to an aggressive and insolent militarism. The spirit of militarism can never be due to the mere state of preparedness in itself, but is created by a warped mind and a heart of greed and unworthy ambition. Militarism is not determined by a chance of circumstance, but by the definite policy of a state seeking world power and world domination. The glory of power is revealed through restraint. I have sufficient confidence in the spirit of our nation, in our traditions of justice, in our moral integrity, in the sincerity of our public pledges, in the freedom from the mania of imperial power and territorial acquisition, so that I have no fear that our nation will ever be betrayed by the false ambition of militarism to wage an unjust and unwarranted war in an unworthy cause.

As I have said in another place and would here repeat with an emphasis intensified by a growing conviction, a true

Let us not shrink from calling things by their right names, and therefore let us brand as traitor whoever lives in our midst enjoying the protection and prosperity of our country and yet dares to express by word or deed the spirit of hyphenated loyalty. There are welcome and room within our borders for all sorts and conditions of men, but no place and no quarter for traitors.—President Hibben in the Springfield Republican

having his house robbed by the "social order" to which the dead man belonged may be raised to find a number of its supporters to be taken into court, convicted on Tinker Bell's testimony and properly hanged.

So will the "deliberate and fresh vision" bring in the millennium and the taxpayer's property, accumulated by his industrious thrift, sobriety and economy, be given to the free spirited, and lofty souled, wase "fresh vision" turned toward a new order of human relation. Toward this distribution of the taxpayer's property, Miss McCall is doing her little, but level best, glory be

JOHN P. IRISH.

Oakland, Dec. 21st.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

The graduation exercises of the class of December, '95, of the Oakland high school, were held in the gymnasium last night, at which about 500 were present. Principal J. W. McChesney opened the exercises by a few appropriate remarks, after which an interesting program was rendered.

Frank F. Barrett, an Alameda capitalist, was married yesterday. The bride is Miss Emma G. Lawrence.

Judge Ellsworth has granted Robert Smith a restraining order directed against Mayor Davis in the Harrison street opening fight. The injunction is merely temporary, however, and no action has as yet been taken upon the real merits of the controversy.

The name of Rev. Dr. Stinson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York City, is now mentioned as a possible successor to Rev. Dr. J. K. McLean in the pulpit of the First Congregational church of this city.

PERSONALITIES.

Jacob Ruppert, former head of the brewing establishment of Jacob Ruppert, Inc., left an estate valued at \$5,352,759.

Major Robert R. Moton of Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Isaac R. Wilbur, pioneer and for many years prominent as a mining man, died yesterday morning in San Francisco.

Colonel Henry Watterson, the veteran newspaper editor of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Watterson quietly celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday with friends and relatives.

Dr. Rudolph August Witthaus, widely known authority on poisons and the author of a number of books on their detection, died at his home here today at the age of 68 years.

La Razon says that Dr. Romulo S. Naon, Argentine Ambassador to the United States, has been given a mission to arrange with Chile the preliminary basis for an accord between Argentine, Brazil, Chile and the United States for the protection of neutral states.

The death is announced of Mrs. F. H. Brooke, 51, an actress associated with Toole and Irving.

OPENED TEMPORARILY.

There is now some reason to believe that those reports of the Panama Canal completion were more or less exaggerated.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

BUSINESS RECORDS ARE SHATTERED

Holiday Trade Sets New Mark in Oakland Stores

Merchants Unanimous in Reports of Prosperity

Christmas trade in Oakland has broken all records.

This is the almost unanimous declaration of the merchants of this city. "Dress Up Week," a short time ago, heralded the return of prosperity. Christmas week has proved its return—proved it with a golden shower into the coffers of Oakland merchants—and 1915, the exposition year, will close not only the most notable year in California's history, but one of the most solid business years. General increases in business reported in every city of the state are exceptionally heavy in Oakland. The Christmas buying season started early—directly after the closing of the exposition, according to the merchant. "Business is great—a record breaker."

This was the statement of store after store, this morning, when a TRIBUNE reporter visited merchant after merchant, getting facts and figures on this year's marvelous Christmas trade increase. Every merchant reported growth of business over 1914, and many reported the breaking of all records for their stores.

BIGGEST DAY YET.

Three large stores in particular declare that last Saturday was the biggest day in history. Kahn's report the biggest day in the entire thirty-six years of the store's history Saturday, when records were broken by over 15 per cent. Capwell's reports an enormous business, breaking the store's record for the same day. Breuner's announce that more people than could be waited on were in the store Saturday and that here, too, attendance records were smashed.

Washington street merchants report especially lively business as Christmas draws near.

"Business is fine," declared J. H. Lesser of the Washington Market. "Thanksgiving was great, and Christmas business is coming up strong. I think 1915 will break the record in this store. Despite the fair, and every other circumstance against Oakland merchants, we have beaten 1914 business by a big margin already."

"We are running to capacity," is the report from Hale Brothers. "We are away ahead of last year," declared Manager W. R. Withorne. "and the shopping season has been earlier. We are closing out our stock before the store changes hands, but outside of that the Christmas trade is enormous."

RUSHED TO LIMIT.

W. P. Perry and D. H. Green of the S. N. Wood Company report a lively movement in all manner of goods, from clothing to neckties, and such gifts for men. "We are rushed to the limit in all departments," said Perry.

Handing Him a Package



"There is no doubt about the prosperity of the Christmas season," declared A. A. Shaw of Roos Brothers. "Business continues to be constantly better," he declared, "and we see a tendency on the part of Oakland people to spend their money here now rather than across the bay. The Christmas trade, slow to start, perhaps, is now booming. We find our new policy of remaining open two nights a week very successful, also."

CROWDS LARGEST.

"We have had more people in the store this Christmas than ever before," declared President Julius A. Young of the H. Morton Company. "Last night, the first night we stayed open, we were surprised at the rush. This year's Christmas trade is wonderful and every merchant is saying the same thing."

EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.

"Christmas trade has exceeded all our expectations," said Mrs. H. Mansfield of Capwell's. "Saturday was the biggest day in the history of the store, and the people packed in almost like sardines."

Taft & Pennoyer, Mosbachers, the Goldberg, Bowen Co., Abrahamson's, the New York Cloth and Suit House

and other stores report the same conditions. G. A. Cummings and P. W. Ego of Reuners' declare that Saturday broke their attendance records. Jewelry stores, novelty stores and candy stores all report great gains over last year. Banks corroborate these statements.

The close of the Christmas shopping season will probably see all Oakland's trade records for any one year broken, according to every figure gleaned.

TESTIMONY IS RUSHED IN TRIAL

Alleged Dynamiter May Take Witness Stand in Own Defense.

By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—The prosecution in the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder as a result of the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building on October 1, 1910, rushed the testimony today in an effort to complete the case and allow the defense to begin tomorrow.

Attorneys for the defense stated that it was the intention to place Schmidt himself on the stand, particularly to combat the testimony of Donald York, the former resident of Home Colony, Washington, who caused his arrest, and who swore that he confessed a leading part in the conspiracy which resulted in the loss of 21 lives. The defense, it was stated, would be brief.

Milton Carlson, a handwriting expert, was sworn on the stand at the morning session. W. J. Burns, the detective agency head, who engaged Deserve to find Schmidt in New York, arrived today and officials of the prosecution stated it was intended to place him on the stand, possibly this afternoon.

Shake-up Threatens Big Medical Ass'n

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Complete reorganization of the American Medical Association, a national body composed of more than 40,000 physicians, is expected to follow the decision of the Illinois Supreme Court which yesterday upheld the decision of the appellate court and ordered the removal of the present board of directors. The decision was rendered in the suit filed five years ago by Dr. G. Frank Livingston of Chicago, who claimed the affairs of the association were controlled by oligarchy. He attempted to prevent Dr. Geo. H. Simmons of Chicago, then secretary of the association, from holding three offices at once.

Pickpocket and Police in Exciting Race

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—An exciting race between a street car and an automobile culminated in the arrest this morning of John T. Sullivan, an alleged pickpocket, who was charged with grand larceny. The pursuit up Market street by a posse of uniformed officers in a fast speeding motor car was watched by hundreds of pedestrians. Ernest Ludwig Schager, of 21 Erosman street, was walking up the steps of the Fountain saloon, Third and Market streets, when his watch was seized. The thief ran and jumped on a car. Patrolman Phelan, O'Shaughnessy and Welch pursued and caught Sullivan. The watch had been thrown under a seat of the car.

WOULD RECALL MAYOR

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—City Clerk Taylor last night announced he would order a recall election held January 5 affecting Mayor Woodward and five members of the police commission, despite the fact that the recall resolution passed by the city council was vetoed by the mayor. Taylor said the city attorney had advised him the veto was null. Injunction proceedings to prevent the election are expected.

NEW PEST FEARED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The European nose fly, which attacks horses and cattle alike, has been found to seriously interfere with farm operations in the West and the department of agriculture is planning to stamp out the pest if possible. It is feared that the pest will spread to other sections of the country.

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE DISPUTED

Board of Education to See Lively Fight Over New Rule

Gary System Also to Be Signal for Contest This Evening

School Director Harry L. Boyle will start a fight at the meeting of the board of education tomorrow night when he moves for a reconsideration of that body's action of last week in adopting a resolution providing that students shall hereafter be restricted from attending any high school but the one in the district in which they live. Boyle voted for this resolution in the district east of Lake Merritt, to the end that the children of that part of the city may be kept out of the new Technical high school at Forty-fifth street and Broadway.

The resolution was passed at the last meeting by a vote of six to one. Director Louis Aber registering the only dissenting vote. Boyle voted for the measure that he might have an opportunity to move for reconsideration.

"They're trying to 'put something over on my district," Boyle states. "Through the action of this rule they can keep all children east of the lake out of the Technical high school and force them to go to the Fremont high school whether they want to or not. Well, I won't stand for it and there's going to be trouble. I'll take the matter up and fight it to a finish."

FEAR OVERCROWDING.

They stole that Technical high school away from us in the last place," Boyle continued. "It should have been built in the east-of-the-lake district, and now they're trying to keep our children out of it. It is not fair."

Those who voted for the resolution say they did so in the belief that certain of the three high schools, the Technical school particularly, will be overcrowded by students from the outside districts to the disadvantage of the residents nearby. Unless such a rule is adopted and immediately put into effect, the new rule applies to the Oakland, Fremont and Technical high schools.

DIRECTOR'S DISPUTE.

Director Aber, President of the Board of Education, is also likely to open discussion at tomorrow night's meeting. With Boyle, they were absent at the time four members of the board at a meeting on Thursday of last week when a resolution was adopted installing the Gary system in the Prescott school in the West Oakland district. Aber and Cook were indignant on Friday upon learning of the action of the directors. After Annie Florence Brown, Mrs. Harriet E. Hawes, A. S. Kelly and W. H. Edwards. One of them will bring the matter before the board tomorrow evening and it may be modified in some manner.

"I know that the Gary plan is a good system," states Aber, "but the installation of such a system in the local school is a very important step, and I believe that all members of the board should be present before any action of this kind is taken. I also understand that this is not strictly the Gary system that is to be used in the Prescott school, but a modified system and it is this modified plan that he intends to put into effect. The thing will have to be investigated."

Commission Issues Safety Order Series

A series of nineteen general safety orders was issued today by officers of the Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California, defining rules for the safety of employees in the use of machinery to minimize accidents. The new orders are to go into effect the first of the year. They were prepared by committees of labor, capital and insurance representatives, who met in San Francisco and Los Angeles for the purpose during the past year.

Books instructing all employees to put these orders into effect, and carrying a list of the rules, were issued by the industrial commission today. The first order relates to gears, and provides that all must be enclosed in a protective device that all belts, driving machinery must be furnished with guards; 3 and 4 provide regulations for the installation of pulleys and clutches, while orders 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 bear instructions on belt shifters, shafting, set screws, sprockets, fly wheels and grinding wheels. The other orders deal with ladders, stairways, platforms and runways, swinging doors and window, passage ways, keys in shafting, floor openings, hoistways and conveyors.

Dramatic Club Will Repeat Its Success

St. Joseph's Dramatic Club will repeat its performance of a drama entitled "Mountain Dore" in St. Joseph's hall, Seventh and Chestnut streets, Tuesday evening, January 4, and the entertainment was given previously for the benefit of St. Joseph's Portuguese church and was so successful that it was decided to give it a second time.

Following are those who will present the play: M. M. Soares, M. Amaro, J. A. Freitas, Joseph A. Weirich, H. T. Moriz, T. Fagetti, A. J. King, F. Botelho, M. D. Sousa, Miss Carrie Reis, Miss Carrie Rubio, Miss M. Bernard and Miss Anna Bernard. Rev. G. B. pastor of St. Joseph's church, coaches and directs the Dramatic Club.

NEW STAMP OUT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Post-office department today notified postmasters that it is about to issue a new stamp bearing an illustration of a man in a top hat and a woman in a long dress, and is in the form of a circle. In the center is enclosed the head of Washington in profile.

FRAUD FOUND IN TEACHERS' PENSION LIST

State Education Board Denounces Alleged Ruses

Prosecutions May Result From Expose, Is Hinted

Attempts on the part of a large number of California school teachers to take advantage of the state through misrepresentation in securing disability retirement pensions are charged in a statement issued today by the state board of education at Sacramento. Further investigation is being made, declare the education authorities, and prosecutions may follow.

An application for retirement under this fund, which is available only to teachers with a minimum of fifteen years' service, was made at the last meeting of the board this month. This is the first that has been made in some time and was postponed for investigation.

Several cases where teachers have been retired for disability and then have been married were discovered, according to the report and another case was found this season wherein a California teacher retired under the disability clause and crossed the state line into Nevada and resumed teaching. With regard to the retirement salaries the board makes this strange announcement:

"Retirement salaries are granted for the purpose of removing antiquated teachers from the schools of the state for the benefit of the children and not for the benefit of the teachers."

Three Berkeley teachers are on the December list of those who are to receive retirement salaries. They are Louis C. Christie, Nina Herbert Foulk and Elizabeth G. Stout. Others on the retirement list are: Mrs. A. W. Clothier, Larkspur; Mrs. Matilda E. Enkle, San Francisco; Mattie J. Graebe, San Jose; J. B. Hankerson, Santa Barbara; Mrs. Sara O. Howell, Bay City; A. A. Kuhnman, Oceanic; Sallie V. Kyne, Elkridge; Charles A. McCourt, Fresno; Louise Maccord, San Francisco; Annie J. Neary, Sacramento; Miss Mary E. Norton, Los Angeles; Elizabeth M. Perkins, Camp Meeker; G. Smale, Raymond; Mrs. Kate L. Thorton, Los Angeles; J. N. Thompson, Hollister; Mrs. Mary D. B. Weeks, Santa Rosa; Sophie L. Wiggand, San Francisco.

Latch String to Hang Out Christmas Time

Christmas will be celebrated at the Young Women's Christian Association in Webster street next Saturday by leaving the latchstring out for every girl in the city who cares to have a holiday cheer. Fir branches and greenery will be used to decorate the spacious lower rooms and in the court a big Christmas tree will be spread sparkling arms. Candy has been provided for the festivity by a friend of the association and a program will be given during the afternoon. "Get home" from 5 until 5 p. m. will conclude with the serving of refreshments.

Alleged Slayer Taken After 10 Years' Hunt

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—Two police detectives arrived here today from Fresno, where they had taken the alleged slayer of Antonio La Plana, who was trailed, found and accused by Severino La Plana, brother of the victim, who devoted ten years to the search. Severino said he swore a vendetta and determined to exact a life for a life, but recently decided to give vengeance over to the law. Severino La Plana was with his brother when the latter was killed and received a bullet in his own shoulder.

WHAT IS DOING TODAY

Park board meets at 5 p. m.
Civic Service Board meet 7.30 p. m.
Ad Men's luncheon at Commercial Club.
Merchants' Exchange meets.
Civil Service Employees' Association holds election of officers.
Organ dedication and recital at Trinity Church, Telegraph avenue and Twentieth street, 8 p. m.

What Is Doing Tomorrow

Board of Education meets, 7.30 p. m.
Alameda Native Sons' Christmas Jinks, Native Sons' Hall, Alameda.
Manufacturers' Committee luncheon at Commercial Club.
Paramount Lodge, No. 17, Knights of Pythias' Christmas celebration, Pythian Castle.
Fruitvale Eagles' Aerie, No. 1275, hold Christmas tree festival.
Berkeley schools to close.
Ancient Order of Foresters, turkey whist, at Pythian Castle.

WATCH

This paper for another one of those matchless, especially prepared

CHRISTMAS DINNERS AT THE SADDLE ROCK

Women Caught in Wreck of Jitney

Slightly Injured as Car Hits Pole

Miraculously escaping death when the jitney bus in which they were riding along San Pablo avenue plunged into a telegraph pole and was smashed this morning, Hazel Bernards, age 19, Julia Dionelli, age 17, and Fred Battersell escaped with minor bruises.

The three passengers were riding to work when the driver of the machine attempted to pass another automobile at Thirtieth street and San Pablo avenue. The car became unmanageable and dashed into the pole. The young women and Battersell were thrown out of the car, but incurred only minor injuries. The jitney bus was wrecked.

Passers-by took the injured passengers to the Emergency hospital for treatment. Miss Bernards lives at 1257 Kansas avenue, West Berkeley. Miss Dionelli at 1205 Kansas avenue. Battersell resides at 1037 Kansas avenue in Albany.

Americans at Monastir Safe; Not Prisoners

SALONIKI, Dec. 21.—Dr. Henry Forbes of Boston, Mrs. Walter Farwell, a Chicago newspaper correspondent, and Miss Mitchell are safe and well at Monastir.

Saloniki dispatches received yesterday said that Dr. Forbes and Mrs. Farwell are being held in Monastir by the Bulgarians, who had torn down the American flag from the Red Cross hospital of which Dr. Forbes is in charge and seized four which the Red Cross was distributing to civilians.

U. S. NAVAL STORES ARE UNGUARDED

Mare Island Plans Include Augmenting of Marine Forces

Secretary Daniels Asks for Immediate Increase

Improvements at Mare Island to follow the order for the construction of a new dreadnaught for the United States navy will include, according to naval officers today, facilities to house and maintain an increased force of bluejackets, apprentice seamen and marines, to be used to guard the station.

If the plans of Secretary Daniels, now before Congress, are carried out, the island will be given a large force of men in addition to those to be used in the actual construction work. Daniels has asked, it was learned today, that the force be increased to 1,000 men.

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TAFT & PENNOYER COMPANY

THREE MORE DAYS for Christmas Shopping

OUR sales force has been greatly augmented so as to be able to handle any amount of trade in an efficient manner during these last days. Furthermore, extra delivery facilities have been employed. In fact, every branch of the business has been so ordered that disappointments have been rendered unnecessary.

TOYS

THE Toy Section did a record business Saturday and yesterday. Each day from now on the sales will increase. The reason for this is that we HAVE THE STOCKS—have them well displayed—have plenty for all and have them marked at prices that seem to fit in well with the average pocketbook. We reserve Toys and deliver at the option of the purchaser.

SPLENDID LINES OF CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS
Toy Section—Third Floor

THE GIFT SECTION

A TIME-SAVING DEPARTMENT

MANY persons have not the time at their disposal to go through thirty or more Christmas sections. The GIFT SECTION, with this in view, has been established to save these people much time. Assorted Gifts from all departments will be found here displayed upon tables in a manner that renders selection remarkably easy.

Christmas Card and Gift Section—Second Floor

Oriental Incense Burners

THESE make remarkably attractive gifts. They are shown in the form of figurines set upon trays. The incense pastille is placed upon the tray and the figure set over it. This gives the figure the appearance of smoking. Priced, each 35c

Drug Section—First Floor

SPECIAL WAISTS

THEY are shown in the semi-tailored styles, not too severe, and yet by no means could they be called fancy Waists. They are shown with pearl buttons, pearl button trims, box and small pleats or tucks, and in some instances embroidery trimmed. The materials comprise pussy willow taffetas, crepe de chine and Georgette crepes. The colors include white, flesh, black, navy and maize.

Waist Section—Second Floor

MEN'S FURNISHINGS

THIS is an immense stock, consisting of the very latest and most approved articles for men. Several sub-sections are mentioned below:

BATH ROBES—Priced \$3.50, \$5, \$7.50, \$8, \$10, \$13.50 and \$17.50. These are shown in wool materials.

SMOKING JACKETS—Priced \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$10, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15. These also are shown in wool fabrics.

DRESSING GOWNS—Priced \$3.50 in crepe material, \$4 in woolen cloths, \$8.00 in English Vivia, \$10, \$11, \$13.50 and \$15 in silk fabrics and \$40 in velvet materials.

SILK SHIRTS—Priced \$5.00 TO \$7.00

SWEATER COATS—Pure wool, all colors. Priced, \$5 and \$7

NECKWEAR—Tremendous assortments of domestic silks priced at 50c and 75c each. Imported fabrics in the newest and most stylish shapes, priced \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50.

HANDKERCHIEFS—Plain or initialed, may be had in various qualities, priced, each 25c, 35c, 50c up to \$1.50

SILK HOSIERY—Black and colors, is priced, per pair—50c, \$1, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Men's Furnishing Section—First Floor

Information for Christmas Shoppers

THIS establishment will remain open until 10 o'clock on the evenings of Thursday and Friday of this week. A full force of employees will be on hand these two evenings.

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Reminiscences of a Veteran Sporting Editor

By MR. MCDONN. said a tall farmer boy in the Southern Pacific station just before the exposition closed, "there are some things about H. H. Hse.

"Somehow almost every man and woman you meet has a sort of respect or rather a sort of fancy for a real fighter.

"No less you I ain't one.

"But I've had a heap of fun playing one at this ere fair."

It was Jack Holbrook who thus declared himself to the crowd who waited for train time.

Jack is a ranchman who lives near Olancha, a little station out on the Southern Pacific. He has acquired a meditative and thoughtful manner from squinting over the long barrel of a musket waiting for squirrels to come out of the holes in the oak trees of the Sierras.

He is telling me about it while he was waiting at the station for the train to carry him back to his home in the rural districts. He and the young man who teaches school not far from his place were discussing the wonders of the exposition.

"Jack," said the teacher, "I hope you saw the mountain fellow in the show."

"The mountain fellow if he can open it," said Jack.

"You see," he continued, "I sorter pre-pared for this. It all out months before I was sure we could spare the money for me to come. I'm not caught by a thing."

green goods man on and mother brought a lot of lightning rods from a fellow skinner. "I'll give you a good one. So us children have been mighty careful ever since."

"What's fandango is a big town and I suppose that skinkers are here in droves. I knowed they'd be after me the minute I hit the burg. I set sorter runs in the hills and cooled."

"This thought set me to flurrying on back to the water cooler and hands we took two dollars."

"You got a better bet," I nods, takes the money and goes back to my seat.

"After I gets to Fri-two and squats in a rooming house, I get a letter from a relation a couple of nice looking young men joins me and gets to talking about the Fri-two."

"They asked me if I'd care to go out and see one of the finest gambling houses

[illegible]

"Just before I got ready to leave home for the Exposition I made up my mind that I'd make a card. This I was when I called a new white horse."

"So I went and had some cards printed that read like this.

JACK HOLBROOK,
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Sometimes Called
SQUIRREL JACK,
Champion Middleweight.

"That was all the fixing I did. I put the cards in my pocket, got on

suspiciously around me. I hands it out of them cards and it does the work."

"The people who accepted your cards then really believed you were a great pugilist," said the teacher.

"I dunno just why they believed, but that card worked alright and I paid about what everything was worth and I had a good time."

"Fellows took me out and throwed drinks into me by the barrel, and talked about my ring experience and the men I had whipped. One asked me how if I had ever fought a man by the name of Joe Walcott. I told him I had and

"I put the crows in a sack and took them to the mountains to avoid let the exhausted nature go the rest."

"We got along alright until we passed Fresno. Then another fellow got on the second awful scabbie. He hit his head down behind me and gets to talking to a man from out in the mountains. I turned around and got to listening to what he said."

"At last he pulls out a lock and asks

TIGERS LOOM UP AS CONTENDERS FOR 1916 RACE

**Midwinter Information Shows
Vernon to Have the
Class.**

Judging from the way Eddie Maier is spending money and kitting out his outfit, he is going to be a big success. Maier is fair to be right in the thick of the running game. He is a good runner and a fast one. The acquisition of Ray Bates, the best third sacker in the league last year and one of the best all round infielders playing in the Pacific Coast league, should help Maier Patterson to round out a truly wonderful infield.

With Gus Gillespie on the bench, and the major league club, Portland, on the second, McGaffigan, the former Western League, at short and Bates on third, the Tiger infield will be hard to beat. Then there is possibility of Babe Barton, the former Tiger and Federal league first sacker, coming back to the Vernon club if the Feds and organized baseball make peace. Barton batted and played like a field in the Fed. circuit last year and


would probably run through a close race with the Indians.

Also, Patterson and Malar are thinking seriously of playing Battle at the base of the hot corner at third. The latter played at the hot corner in the "big brush" and there at the base of the hot corner. Patterson has played the keynote tag on various occasions and has been successful much more often there as he is on third.

For utility purposes, Patterson has several possibilities. He can play with Don Rader, two youngsters. Either has a good chance of breaking through and becoming a star.

pan fails to show up to the forms expected of him by Patterson, then Patterson calls other players, Rader or Furrell at short.

Now comes the outfield, the strongest part of the Vernon team. In leftfield, we find Jack of the big league, a fast getter and hitter in the American Association, Pete Daley, former star Angel outfielder, also a good run-getter.

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handily as a utility outfielder.

When Whaling, former Boston Brave and one of the backstops in the big brush year before last when the Braves captured the pennant together with "Fonnie" Saper, went to the big league "Fonnie" will probably be displaced of its name from the Western League club which Saper went to Organize the year when Major plucked out of the bushes.

The Union club will carry only six players this coming season.

and the veteran Roy Hitt will be the southpaws, and Roy Mitchell, Ellis Johnson and Fairbanks, the right handers. "Cork" Hepler and Charley Check are due for the scrap heap. Mayer is seeking one more right hander, one of major league caliber in order to round out his club.

JACK DILLON BEATS L. A. HEAVY

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 21. — Jack Dillon of Indianapolis won over Al Norton of Los Angeles in the fourth round of what was the heaviest prize fight fought here last night. After being ground

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three times in the first round, Norton (left jabber) sent a fourth, which was the last of the series, to the right side of the mat, but that sent his opponent to the mat.

Norton regained his feet, but his helplessness was apparent and his seconds tossed the sponge into the ring to save him from further punishment. Both men are light-heavyweights.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PAGE OF OAKLAND TRIBUNE

GREAT WESTERN TO ISSUE STOCK

But the Railroad Commission Tacks on Unusual Conditions.

A decision handed down yesterday by the Railroad Commission of California, which has been pending for some time, has been a source of much interest to the stockholders of the Great Western Power Company. The commission has decided that the company is not entitled to issue new common stock until it has first obtained the approval of the state engineer, who is responsible for the safety of the state's waterways. This decision is based on the fact that the company's proposed new stock issue would involve the construction of new dams and other water control structures, which would require the approval of the state engineer. The commission's decision is a significant one, as it effectively prevents the company from raising the money it needs to carry out its expansion program until it has obtained the necessary approval from the state engineer. This decision is a source of disappointment to the company's stockholders, who had hoped that the company would be able to issue the new stock and raise the money it needed to carry out its expansion program. However, the commission's decision is based on the fact that the company's proposed new stock issue would involve the construction of new dams and other water control structures, which would require the approval of the state engineer. This decision is a significant one, as it effectively prevents the company from raising the money it needs to carry out its expansion program until it has obtained the necessary approval from the state engineer.

Board Room Trading Only on Wall Street

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There is little Christmas cheerfulness apparent in the trading on Wall Street today. The market is characterized by a general feeling of uncertainty and a lack of confidence in the future of the country. The stock market is trading at a low level, and there is a general feeling of pessimism among investors. The market is characterized by a general feeling of uncertainty and a lack of confidence in the future of the country. The stock market is trading at a low level, and there is a general feeling of pessimism among investors. The market is characterized by a general feeling of uncertainty and a lack of confidence in the future of the country. The stock market is trading at a low level, and there is a general feeling of pessimism among investors.

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Am. Oil	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Ind. & Eng.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Ry. & Eng.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Steel	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Sugar	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. T. & P.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Water	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Wire & Cable	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Am. Zinc	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
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WOMEN BATTLE IN FEUD TO DEATH

Two Families Fight With Firearms in Water Right Quarrel.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 21.—A long-standing feud over the ownership of property ended by a shooting battle with rifles, shotguns and pistols between two families at Dodd Hollow, twenty-five miles southeast of here yesterday.

On one side Mrs. Alma Kuehne is dead. On the other, Guy Hunter is at the Blackhawk hospital here with a bullet wound through his arm. Hunter's wife, A. Ernest Lawrence and Andrew Kuehne, son of the dead woman, are held pending investigation.

The affray is said to be the aftermath of Lawrence's trial last week on arson charges, in which the jury disagreed. There are two houses on the disputed property, a large one, occupied by Lawrence and the Hunter family, and the small one into which the Kuehnes moved last week while Lawrence was on trial. The Hunters allege the Kuehnes cut off the water supply of the big house, necessitating water being hauled from the distance. Yesterday, according to Hunter's story, he started to drive out for water when he encountered several "no trespassing" signs, which he says, had been placed by young Kuehne.

As he passed through the gate near the Kuehne house, he said, Andrew Kuehne opened fire upon him, wounding Hunter in the arm. The latter whipped up his team and fled. Young Kuehne snatched two magazine pistols after, but let inflicting wounds upon the horses.

Drawn by the firing, Lawrence, Kuehne alleged, came to the door of the Hunter house and fired twice at Kuehne with a shotgun and then opened fire upon him with a rifle. Mrs. Alma Kuehne, Andrew Kuehne's mother, came to her son's assistance with a rifle and fired at Lawrence.

Mrs. Hunter then joined in the affray, firing from the window of the house and shooting Mrs. Kuehne through the abdomen. Andrew Kuehne ceased firing when his mother was wounded. The dying woman passed away at Merrill, where she had been taken for medical assistance. She made a dying statement that Lawrence had shot her. Mrs. Hunter, however, admitted that she shot Mrs. Kuehne asserting self-defense. She says Mrs. Kuehne had a rifle pointed at her.

Municipal Chorus to Sing Carols

Great Concert Planned for Sunday

With tentative program completed, the rehearsal already held, and plans for several more before the big concert takes place, preparations are practically finished for the great Christmas carols that will, Sunday, be heard in the Municipal Auditorium. The chorus, to be directed by Alexander Stewart, will include the singers of the 100 Alameda Chorus Chorus, and also other singers from various churches and musical organizations.

The big chorus will sing under the direction of the Recreation Department of the City of Oakland, and admission will be free. The general public being invited to attend the most festive of all of the city. A rehearsal will be held tonight at the auditorium.

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San Diego Exposition to Observe Second Opening

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 21.—Stockholders of the Panama-California Exposition have adopted a resolution, transferring the opening of the exposition to the city of San Diego. The transfer becomes effective January 1, when the exposition of this year will be succeeded by the Panama-California Exposition, which will open on New Year's day.

A report of finances showed that the exposition is free from debt and that there will be profits from December's operations.

A resolution appropriating \$100 for the purchase of commemorative plaques to be presented to President G. A. Davidson and J. J. DeLoach Jr., chairman of the executive committee, in appreciation of services rendered, was adopted. These men served without salary during the year.

The closing of the present exposition will be marked by a big demonstration New Year's eve and the opening of the exposition will follow on New Year's day with appropriate exercises.

CLUB TO MEET.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 21.—The Alameda Women's Improvement club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the clubhouse on Webster street, near Haight avenue.

through the window of the Kuehne house when she fired.

When the authorities reached the scene they found the bodies of the two women.

Children to Play in Holiday Operetta

Dressed in gay costumes of many nations, more than fifty children from the classes of an eastbay dancing school will take part this evening in an elaborate holiday operetta that will be staged at Blake Hall with special scenery and lighting arrangements. The children performers will also twirl in exhibition classes, acrobatic and the latest of stage dances.

In the operetta leading parts will be taken by several Fruitvale and Oakland youngsters including Miss Catherine Heming, Miss Ruby Hetherington, Miss Antoinette Nighingale and diminutive Miss Jane Haselbine. Jane Haselbine, who took part in Miss Lole Fuller's great spectacular ballet at the auditorium opening and who at four years of age is said to be the smallest Spanish and ballet dancer in Alameda county, will be Christmas Joy and Dance.

Master Fredericks, who took first prize at the nurses' Arabian Nights ball for his imitation of Charlie Chaplin at the Auditorium, will give his impersonation of the celebrated movie comedian. Santa Claus will be enacted by Mrs. Jean MacDonald Johnston, and scores of small dancers and singers will take part in choruses and ballet dances.

United States Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the examinations listed below will be held in San Francisco at an early date.

Philippine service (male), \$3000 per annum, Philippine service (male), \$3000 per annum, Chart engraver (male), \$1200 per annum, Hydrographic Office, Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department.

Radio inspector (male), \$1200-\$1500 per annum, Office of the Radio Inspector, Bureau of Navigation, Department of Commerce, at New York and San Francisco.

Teacher (male and female), Indian service.

Designer of hulls (male), \$2400-\$3000 per annum, Engineer Department at Large, for duty with the Experimental Towboat Board at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Designer of marine engines, boilers and machinery (male), \$2400-\$3000 per annum, Engineer Department at Large, Experimental Towboat Board at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Assistant metallurgist (male), \$1800-\$3000 per annum, Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, for service in the field.

Application blanks and further information relative to these examinations may be obtained from the secretary, Civil Service District, room 241, Postoffice Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Astronomer Campbell Goes to Big Session

SAN JOSE, Dec. 21.—Director W. W. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell of the Lick Observatory left today for duties in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the second Pan-American Congress. Dr. Campbell is president of the association, which meets in Ohio State University, Columbus, the last week of this year. Joint sessions with the Pan-American Congress will be held in Washington, D. C., the first week of January. Dr. Campbell will return to Mount Hamilton till the middle of January.

MANY PAY TAXES.

SAN LEANDRO, Dec. 21.—Delinquent taxes will be levied in number this year according to Tax Collector Joseph Peralta. More than \$20,000 has already been collected. With only about \$150,000 more still due, taxes will become delinquent next Tuesday. Payments have been made promptly this year, Peralta says.

'CHICKEN TRUST' IN 400,000 TRAINMEN BANKRUPT COURT TO VOTE ON STRIKE

Attempt to Corner Market Is Alleged as Cause of Difficulty.

Following the arrest of the president of the company, Alva Udell of Alameda, on charges of embezzlement and of refusing to produce the books of the corporation, and following other alleged disputes in which angry stockholders have figured, the "chicken trust" has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The concern, which for a time controlled the poultry market in Oakland and San Francisco under the name of the General Supply Company, tried to corner the Northern California market, according to Udell. This, he says, is the cause of its being bankrupt. The time was not propitious, he said, for the attempt to corner the market.

Udell has been held in jail on a contempt of court charge after refusing to produce in Judge Seawell's court the books of the company, which was involved in litigation in the Superior Court. He is also under an arrest on a charge of embezzlement, which he turned to his own uses certain shares of the capital stock of the corporation.

The General Supply Company is a holding company which for its subsidiaries several of San Francisco's leading commission houses. These concerns were merged into the holding company in June, 1912, and the following business men elected as its board of directors: Cecil Raymond, Pierre Chire, Adam Bianchi, Aaron Miller and E. F. Higginstaff. Later Miller resigned, it is alleged, to facilitate a loan to the company, and Emanuel Compagno was elected in his place.

In a suit in equity now before the Superior Court it is alleged that after Miller resigned the directors negotiated with him a loan of \$15,401.25. A major portion of this loan, according to the complaint, was taken by Miller and lesser portion by his brother, Solomon Miller. According to the minutes of the board of directors, the reason for the loan was a determination to clear up certain indebtedness of the company; but, it is alleged, that instead of putting this to this purpose they were loaned instead to certain directors and shareholders of the company.

Mexican General Leaves \$17,000,000

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.—The will of the late General Gerardo Trevino, whose estate is valued at about \$17,000,000, has been filed for probate here. The estate consists principally of real property in Monterrey, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; four large ranches in that country, and about 15,000 head of cattle in Mexico and the United States, with about \$150,000 in banks in San Antonio.

A provision in the will bequeaths \$50,000 to charity and provides that the executor name the institution to which the fund shall be given. It is not specified in the will whether the charity fund be given to an institution in the United States or Mexico.

Mrs. Guadalupe Zanbrano Trevino, widow of the deceased, who was his third wife and is made the executrix of the estate, is chief beneficiary, although a long list of heirs is named.

Among the heirs of the estate, including his granddaughters, Olga and Eleana Buchard, of Hamburg, Germany.

Joliet Penitentiary Has New Murder

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 21.—Jasper Perry, serving fourteen years for attempted murder, killed Frank Harrod, another convict, in the penitentiary yesterday.

It was just six months ago to a day that Mrs. Edmund Allen, wife of the warden, was slain by "Chicken Joe" Campbell, a negro convict, recently convicted of the crime.

The convicts were lining up to march to supper last evening when the attack was made.

"You stood pigeon," Perry cried as he swung toward Harrod. In his hand he swung the leg of a chair, which he brought down with crushing force on Harrod's head. The latter died an hour later.

Five States Will War on Coyotes

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The barking of the coyote will no longer invade the quiet of the plains and valleys of California and the surrounding states. At least so decreed prominent officials from the states of California, Nevada, Utah, Oregon and Idaho at a meeting held yesterday at 209 Post street.

Practical methods of campaign against the coyotes will be inaugurated immediately by all the five states. The territory will be divided into sections, and hunters paid by the state or federal government will be maintained to trap, shoot or poison the coyotes.

BOY HURT BY AUTO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—William Sharp, 15 years old, living at 908 Steiner street, was seriously injured last night while standing on the running board of a delivery auto when the machine on which he is employed collided with another auto at Van Ness avenue and Turk street.

The boy was taken to the Central Emergency hospital. By a curious coincidence it was seven years ago yesterday that the boy was the victim of another auto accident.

PAPER IS TYPEWRITTEN.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A single sheet of foolscap, closely typewritten on both sides, takes the place this week of the customary issue of Britannia, the organ of the Women's Social and Political Union, which was raised by the police. Christabel Pankhurst continues in this novel issue the suffragette attack.

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Eight-Hour Day and Overtime Pay, the Basis of Demands.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Presidents of the four Brotherhoods of Railway Trainmen started work today presenting the ballot that is to be sent to the 400,000 employees of the 433 railroads in the United States asking their approval of these demands:

An eight-hour day, with the same wages now paid for working ten hours.

Time and one-half for working overtime.

These demands, completed by officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Order of Railroad Conductors, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, will be mailed to every member of the four organizations on January 1. It was announced. Sixty days will be given in which to vote and return their ballots.

Club De Vingt Plan Has Been Abandoned

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Club de Vingt is no more. As a matter of fact, it never was. Yesterday Mrs. A. A. Cater left for New York. Mrs. V. Hawkins preceded her by several days. They were the managers of the club.

The idea was to turn the R. G. Harrod home at 1144 Pine street into a fashionable dancing club something on the order of the Vernon Castle's place in New York.

Neither Mrs. Cater nor Mrs. Hawkins could explain the failure of the club to materialize. In fact, they did not want to talk about it.

Gilbert Littlejohn, who came out from New York to take charge of the dancing and to give examinations, is still here. And he said:

"It is a great pity. The club would have been a great vogue if it had only got started."

Canal Opens to Let Small Craft Through

PANAMA, Dec. 21.—The Panama canal was temporarily opened yesterday to permit the passage of six small vessels which had been waiting here for several months. Three more vessels will make the passage late today after which the waterway will again be closed to traffic by order of Major-General George Goethals, Governor of the Canal Zone.

General Goethals said it was impossible to predict when the canal would be reopened permanently, but expressed the belief that it would not be until all danger of interruption to the continuous traffic of large ships was no longer present on account of earth slides.

With the passage of the small vessels, General Goethals pointed out that it had been the intention since the canal was closed, last September, to force a temporary channel in order to permit the passage of small steamers and yachts which had been tied up at Balboa and Cristobal.

Dynamite Engine of Logging Company

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—A logging engine belonging to the W. F. Manning Contracting Company, engaged in clearing land a mile north of Seattle, was blown up by dynamite placed in the fire-box last night. No clue to the identity of the persons responsible for the explosion was found. Officers of the company said they knew of no reason for the destruction of the engine. So much dynamite was used that windows were rattled in houses across Lake Washington and many people, remembering the explosion of fifteen tons of dynamite in Seattle harbor last May, telephoned to Seattle to inquire if there had been a similar explosion.

FOUNTAIN FOR MARTINEZ.

MARTINEZ, Dec. 21.—W. H. George, manager of the Cowell Cement Company, yesterday offered to the county a handsome concrete fountain which stood at the entrance to the county's exhibit at the Exposition. He accompanied the offer with an agreement to pay all costs of installing the fountain at the main entrance to the court house in this city.

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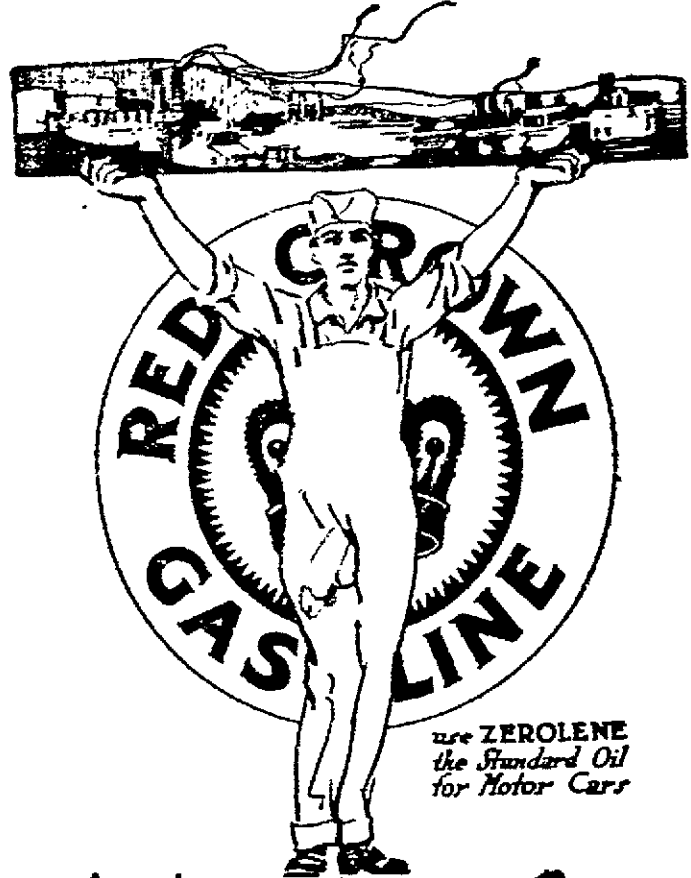
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